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Beesanagadde turns into an island yet again

TADAGALALE

Torrential rains and the swollen Varada river have turned Beesanagadde village in Sagar taluk of Shivamogga into an island. Residents of 28 houses have lost access to the outer world as the settlement is surrounded by water.

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Police finally act on death threat to writers

BENGALURU

The Karnataka police have appointed a Superintendent of Police (SP)-rank officer to coordinate probe into at least 19 death threat letters that seven writers have received since April, 2022. The move came after *The Hindu* reported on how the writers were baffled at police inaction.

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SC may list appeals in hijab case next week

NEW DELHI

The SC on Wednesday indicated that appeals challenging the Karnataka HC's conclusion that wearing hijab was not an essential practice in Islam would be listed next week. A Bench was responding to an oral mentioning made by advocate Prashant Bhushan who said the case had been in limbo for months.

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Ranil becomes Acting President as Gotabaya flees to Maldives

Amid strife, political party leaders meet Speaker to demand that both quit

MEERA SRINIVASAN
COLOMBO

Sri Lankan President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, who fled the island nation and took refuge in the Maldives early on Wednesday, ahead of his promised resignation, appointed Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe as Acting President, the Parliamentary Speaker said.

The announcement came even as protesters overran the Premier's office in Colombo, in the middle of agitations against the leader, now as unpopular as the President who appointed him two months ago amid political turbulence in the wake of a daunting economic crisis.

"We must end this fascist threat to democracy. We can't allow the destruction of state property. The President's office, the President's Secretariat and the Prime Minister's official residence must be returned to proper custody. I have ordered military commanders and the police chief to do what is necessary to restore order," Mr. Wickremesinghe said in a televised address, his first to the nation after being appointed Acting President.

Late in the day, a gazette notification was issued by the President appointing Mr. Wickremesinghe to "exercise, perform and discharge the powers, duties and functions of the Office of President" with effect from Wednesday, during his absence from Sri Lanka. The PM, exercising his newly conferred powers, imposed an overnight curfew. The order bars anyone from being on any public road, railway, or any public ground or the seashore from midnight to 5 a.m. on Thursday, without a written permit.

Anti-government protesters broke into the main state television station and briefly took over broadcasts on Wednesday. They also gathered outside the Air Force headquarters, after the Sri Lanka Air Force said the President, First Lady and two bodyguards boarded an Air Force flight to the Maldives on Wednesday, in a statement confirming its services to Mr. Gotabaya, who holds the positions of Minister of Defence and Commander-in-Chief, until his resignation.

Meanwhile, political party leaders who met Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena on Wednesday requested him to ask the President and the Prime Minister to resign immediately or ask the President to sack the Prime Minister before he resigns.

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Field day: The police fire tear gas shells as protesters storm the compound of Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe's office in Colombo on Wednesday, demanding his resignation. • AP

Precaution jabs free from tomorrow

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

As part of the *Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav*, free precaution doses of COVID-19 vaccines will be available for all citizens above 18 years of age at government vaccination centres for 75 days from Friday, Union Minister of Information and Broadcasting Anurag Singh Thakur announced after the Cabinet meeting on Wednesday.

Tweeting the decision, Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya said it would further strengthen India's fight against COVID-19 and add an extra layer of safety.

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India ranks 135 in Gender Gap Index

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

India ranks 135 among a total of 146 countries in the Global Gender Gap Index, 2022, released by the World Economic Forum on Wednesday.

The country is the worst performer in the world in the "health and survival" sub-index in which it is ranked 146.

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Cannot impose 'omnibus' ban on demolitions: SC

It reiterates rule of law can't be ignored

KRISHNADAS RAJAGOPAL
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Wednesday wondered whether it can pass "omnibus" orders to stop demolitions by municipal authorities across the country even as senior advocate Dushyant Dave insisted that the nation should refuse to accept the bulldozer "culture".

Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Uttar Pradesh government, objected to Mr. Dave's submission that the demolitions targeted a certain community.

On June 16, the Supreme Court told the State government that demolitions could happen only in accordance with the law and could not be retaliatory.

On Wednesday, Mr. Mehta said: "All communities are Indian communities... We cannot have community-based PILs [public interest litigation petitions] in the Supreme Court."

Mr. Dave countered by asking why then had the authorities not taken the bulldozers to unauthorised constructions and farmhouses in some of the poshest colonies of the national capital. "Entire Sainik Farms is illegal... Are we not all governed by the rule of law," he asked.

Next hearing in August

"Nobody can dispute that rule of law cannot be ignored... But can an omnibus order be passed against demolitions... When in cases where authorities are rightly entitled to take action, will such an omnibus order stand in their way," a Bench led by Justices B.R. Gavai and P.S. Narasimha asked, posting the case for a detailed hearing on August 10.

Senior advocate Harish Salve, also for the State government, said the "argument on rule of law was powerful indeed". "But the factual foundation is wobbly. Can Your Lordships pass an order saying a house cannot be demolished merely because it belongs to an accused," he asked.

But Mr. Dave, for petitioner Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind, said the court must view the problem from a larger perspective. The country was facing an "extraordinarily serious" situation. Justice was being delivered by the arms of the bulldozer, he said.

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

Gender parity

135 India's rank in terms of gender parity out of 146 countries, an improvement of five places since last year on better performance in areas of economic participation and opportunity, according to the Gender Gap Report 2022 of the World Economic Forum released in Geneva. Iceland retained its place as the world's most gender-equal country, followed by Finland, Norway and New Zealand. Only 11 countries are ranked below India. Afghanistan, Pakistan, Congo, Iran and Chad are the worst-five. PTI

Rise in informal workers

12.6 In lakh, the number of informal workers added to the staffing industry in India in 2021-22, driven by demand in industries like fast-moving consumer goods, e-commerce and manufacturing, according to the Indian Staffing Federation (ISF) annual report. ISF is the apex body representing the manpower outsourcing industry in India. In 2020-21, the informal workforce demand grew at a modest 3.6%. The report added that digital adoption across sectors drove the demand for new employees. PTI

Oppo's duty evasion

4,389 In ₹ crore, the import duty evasion by Chinese company Oppo's India unit detected by the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) which slapped the organisation with a show-cause notice, according to the Finance Ministry. During searches on Oppo India's premises, the DRI recovered documents that indicated wilful misdeclaration in the description of some imports and remittance of royalty and licence fees to various muliti-national companies. PTI

Palm oil imports

5.9 In lakh tonnes, the rise in India's palm oil imports in June 2022, according to industry body Solvent Extractors Association (SEA). India, the world's leading vegetable oil buyer, imported 5.87 lakh tonnes of palm oils in June 2021. The association demanded the government to increase the quota fixed for duty-free import of crude soyabean and sunflower oil under the Tariff Rate Quota system to boost domestic availability. The share of palm oil is about 50% of the country's total vegetable oil imports. PTI

U.S. inflation

9.1 In percentage, the surge in U.S. inflation in June which is a 40-year high, according to the Labour Department. Government data showed a sharp, faster-than-expected increase in the consumer price index (CPI) from the previous month driven by the significant rise in gasoline prices. The CPI spike over the past 12 months to June was the fastest increase since November 1981. This situation has strained American families, heaping pressure on President Joe Biden, whose ratings have taken a battering from the relentless rise in prices. AFP

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EXPLAINER

In high-res: unfolding mysteries of the night sky

With the release of its first five stunning images, the James Webb Space Telescope has demonstrated an acute observational capacity and revealed aspects of the cosmos hitherto hidden from other telescopes

THE GIST

- As light travels with a velocity of about 3,00,000 km per second, light from a distant object will take time to reach us on Earth. Hence, when we see a distant stellar object, we see it as if it were far back in time. To collect more light we need giant infrared telescopes. JWST is the biggest infrared telescope ever built.
- The first five images released are — the deep field image of the SMACS 0723 cluster of galaxies which date back to times when the first stars were born, the Carina Nebula vividly showing the birth of new stars, the Southern Ring Nebula which details a dying star, the Stephan's quintet where we can see the cataclysmic cosmic collision of galaxies and finally the WASP-96 b, an exoplanet (a planet orbiting a distant star).
- The spectroscopic observation of JWST reveals that there is a considerable amount of water vapour in the WASP-96 b's atmosphere.
However due to the blistering heat, WASP-96 is unlikely to host life.

T.V.VENKATESWARAN

On November 30, 1609, Galileo turned his telescope towards the night sky. This singular act revolutionised astronomy. Until then, scholars held that celestial objects were without any kind of blemish. Galileo showed that the Moon had craters and mountains. All celestial objects, including stars, were thought to go around the Earth. The telescope, by observing phases of Venus firmly established that planets go around the Sun and not the Earth. The Milky Way, a haze in the dark night teemed with hundreds of stars, established that the cosmos is immense and beyond our imagination. Galileo revolutionised astronomy using a crude telescope which by today's standards is merely a toy.

The first five images released by NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) on July 11, captured by the James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) is no less momentous in the history of astronomy than the day Galileo turned his telescope toward the heavens.

The deep field image of the SMACS 0723 cluster of galaxies has images that date back to times when the first stars were born. The images from Carina Nebula vividly show the birth of new stars. In contrast, the Southern Ring Nebula image details a dying star. In Stephan's quintet, the JWST has captured the cataclysmic cosmic collision of galaxies. By analysing the spectrum of the radiation from WASP-96 b, an exoplanet (a planet orbiting a distant star), the telescope has shown conclusively the presence of water vapour in the atmosphere of this hot, puffy gas giant planet orbiting a distant Sun-like star. With its sharp vision, more light-collecting area and ability to see in the invisible infrared regions, the JWST is sure to expand our understanding of the cosmos.

Peering back in time

About 13.8 billion years ago, through the Big Bang, our Universe emerged. The first stars and galaxies were born around 300 million years after the Big Bang. To know more about the formation of these stars and galaxies, we do not need a time machine or time travel. As light travels with a velocity of about 3,00,000 km per second, light from a distant object will take time to reach us on Earth. Hence, when we see a distant stellar object, we see it as if it were far back in time. Powerful telescopes are therefore, like time machines.

However since objects far away are dim, we need giant telescopes to collect more light. Further, light from distant objects is stretched out by the expansion of our Universe, driving the radiation from the visible range into the infrared. Therefore, to look deep back into the early phases of the Universe, we need a giant infrared telescope. JWST is the biggest infrared telescope ever built. With a 6.5-metre primary mirror, the JWST infrared telescope collects more photons than Hubble. It can see even the faintest flicker from the most distant regions of the cosmos.

Cluster of galaxies

The SMACS 0723 is a noted cluster of galaxies around 5.12 billion light-years away. Situated in the direction of the southern constellation of Volans, the image is as it appeared 4.6 billion years ago, about the same time when the Sun and the Earth evolved. The cluster has been previously studied by Hubble, Planck and Chandra space telescopes. But the rich details and features of the JWST's Near-Infrared Camera (NIRCam) are unmatched.

With a sharper vision than Hubble, many of the galaxies seen clearly in this image appear as mere blobs in Hubble's telescope. SMACS 0723 galaxy cluster is massive, which, as Einstein's general relativity theory predicts, distorts the fabric of spacetime. Like the refraction of a ray of light passing through a lens, the light from behind bends through the massive cluster. Due to this "gravitational lensing" effect, we notice that some galaxies appear distorted in an arc shape, some are split into multiple images, and some are magnified.

The kaleidoscope of colours in the image captured by the JWST's Mid-Infrared Instrument (MIRI) are false colours (false colour refers to colour rendering methods used to display images which were recorded in the visible or non-visible parts of the electromagnetic spectrum, in colour) corresponding to a radiation wavelength. Galaxies that appear blue in this image contain stars but very little dust. The cosmic objects enveloped by dust appear red. Objects rich in hydrocarbons and other chemical compounds are green.

"A couple of galaxies are found to be at a redshift of eight, corresponding to a lookback time of - 13.0 billion years, a mere -800 million years after the Big Bang. These are some of the oldest galaxies ever known" says Manoj Puravankara, Dept. of Astronomy and Astrophysics, Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Mumbai.

Where stars are born

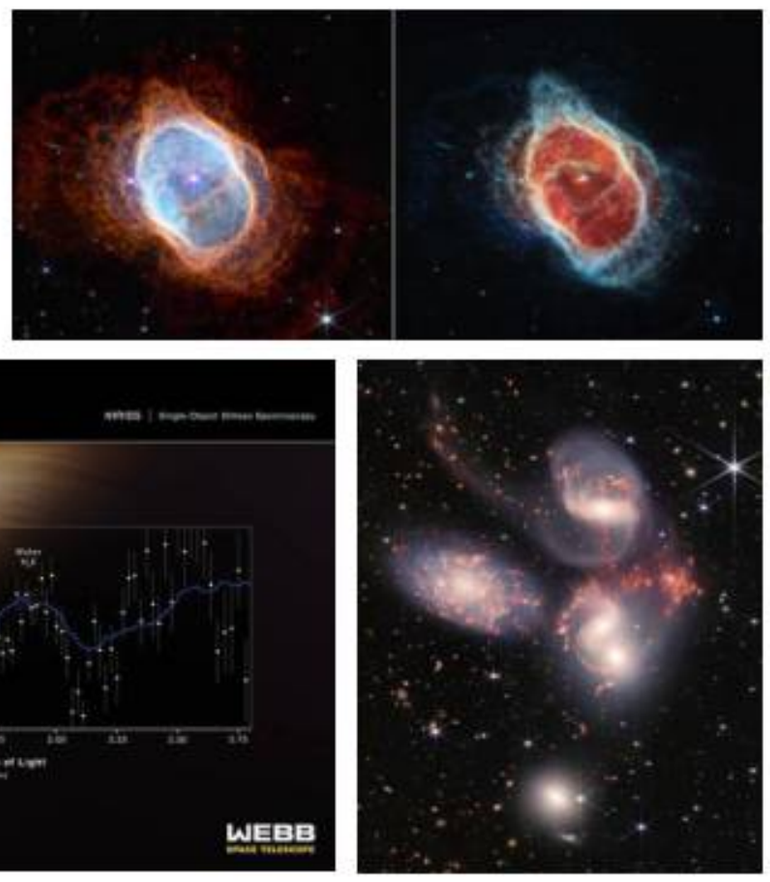
Stars and star clusters are formed inside giant gas clouds. Typically the massive interstellar clouds where new stars are formed are huge with diameters of about 100 light-years and holding nearly six million solar masses. There is enough material for making hundreds of stars out of this. Nonetheless, the density of these clouds is just 100 atoms per cubic centimetre. Stars typically have about 10^22 (one followed by 22 zeros) atoms per cubic centimetre. While various theories explain how the dispersed mass aggregate and stars evolve, hard evidence is still lacking. The visible light is obscured by the thick dust that goes into the making of these stars and render it opaque. Shrouded in thick dust clouds, these star forming regions remained hidden to even powerful telescopes, until now.

One such stellar nursery booming with new stars is a giant interstellar gas cloud in our galaxy called NGC 3324, located in the direction of the Carina Nebula. The stunning image of an edge of the NGC 3324, dubbed Cosmic Cliff, located approximately 7,600 light-years from Earth, is home to many massive and young stars than our Sun. With the giant gas cloud condensing into new stars, this is an active star-forming region. Hot gas and dust emit infrared light. By steering its NIRCam and MIRI instruments into the highly-dense dust clouds, the JWST has revealed rich details of this star formation region.

The striking image shows many exciting features in the innards of the star-forming regions. Hundreds of baby stars, previously invisible to telescopes, shine through the dust cloud. Thin gas pervades the space between the stars called the interstellar medium. When the infant stars begin to shine, they blow away the interstellar matter. The region devoid of gas appears in the image in the shape of bubbles and cavities. The mountains and valleys in the interstellar medium shaped by the radiation from the budding stars are visible, while the stars located in the centre of the bubble are off the frame. Other phenomena that one sees in the image include ionised gas and hot dust wafting away due to radiation from young stars, casing turbulence and eddies and dust swirling in the surrounding gas. What appears as a golden comet in this image are actually jet outflows from the newborn stars.

Two Indian astronomers are slated to use the JWST data to study star formation. Manoj Puravankara will be using the data obtained from Near Infrared Spectrograph (NIRSpec) and MIRI instruments to study the earliest phases of star formation, that is the protoplanetary disks – the birthplaces of planetary systems. "JWST's unprecedented sensitivity, angular resolution, and spectral resolution allow us to study various mass flows that shape and regulate the formation of stars and planetary systems" he says.

Jessy Jose, Assistant Professor from the Department of Physics, IISER Tirupati will be part of an international collaboration to study the very massive, dense molecular cloud within the central molecule zone of our Milky Way in order to understand the young stellar objects within it. "The NIRcam and MIRI instruments of JWST which broadly covers the wavelength range from 0.6 to 28-micron meter will enable us to characterise the very early phase of star formation" she says.



Clockwise:
SMACS 0723 galaxy cluster
The Carina Nebula
The Southern Ring Nebula
Stephan's Quintet
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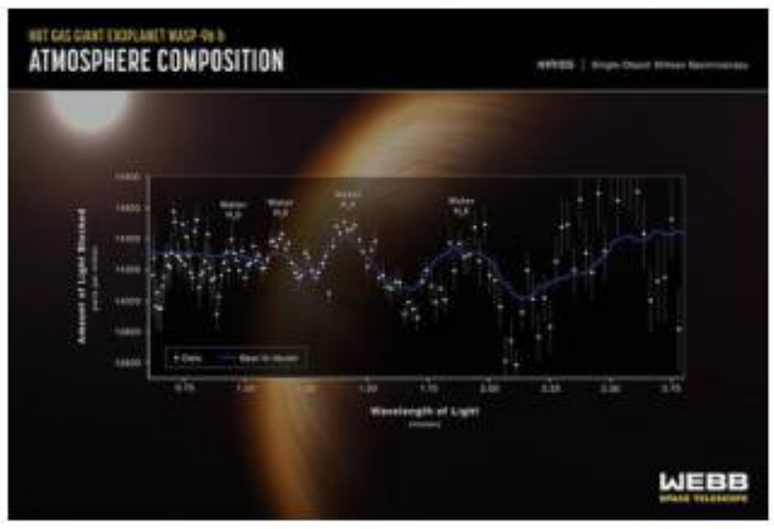

A star on its deathbed

The Eight-Burst Nebula, also known as the Southern Ring Nebula or NGC 3132, is a well-known planetary nebula in the constellation Vela, located approximately 2,500 light-years from Earth.

Despite their name, planetary nebulae have nothing to do with planets. They are gas shells formed from the cast-off outer layers of a dying star. Intermediate mass stars with a mass of 0.8 to eight times the mass of the Sun end their lives with drama. They do not die in one big explosion but go through a cycle of fits and starts. The dying star will expel its outer layer and expand, while simultaneously, its core will contract. The contracting centre will once again start to emit energy, and the star will have a lease of life. The expelled shell is pushed by this radiation and expands in space like a ring around the central star. After some time, the central star again sheds its outer layer while the remaining core contracts. Over time successive waves of expelled outer shells surround the central star-like concentric rings. The remaining core of the star ultimately becomes a faint glowing white dwarf. After trillions of years, they cool down and no longer shine, ultimately becoming black dwarfs. The near-infrared light is false coloured blue, and the mid-infrared light is red in this impressive image by the JWST. The consecutive waves of expelled shells can be clearly seen. If you look closely at the central region, a redder star shining next to a bright blue one can be seen. Astronomers knew that the Southern Ring Nebula was a binary star system. For the first time, we can clearly see the second star hidden behind the dust clouds.

Out Sun, an intermediate-mass star, will undergo a similar fate.

Cosmic waltz

Situated in the direction of the constellation Pegasus, around 290 million light-years away from Earth, is the clutch of five galaxies, each bound with the other called the Stephan's Quintet. Four of these close-knit galaxies are in a sort of dangerous waltz dance. Two of them are currently in the process of merging into one another. Studying such cataclysmic galactic interactions will help us understand how these lead to star formation, evolution, and central black holes in galaxies.

Hunt for the extra-terrestrial

Located around 1,150 light-years from Earth, WASP-96b is an exoplanet (a planet that orbits another star) orbiting a star named WASP-96. The planet has a mass half that of Jupiter and goes around the central star every 3.4 days. The light from the central star will pass through the planet's atmosphere when its edge is in the line of sight of the Earth. The molecules present in the atmosphere will first absorb the light entering the atmosphere. Then it would be remitted. By comparing the star's spectrum and the starlight passing through the planet's atmosphere, astronomers can discern the molecular composition. The spectroscopic observation of JWST reveals, for example, that there is a considerable amount of water vapour in the WASP-96 b's atmosphere.

With blistering heat, WASP-96 is unlikely to host life; However, astronomers will use the same technique to examine other exo-planets, particularly those in the habitable zone of the central star. Finding water vapour, hydrocarbons, methane, and other atmospheric elements could indirectly indicate life.

T.V. Venkateswaran is Scientist at Vigyan Prasar, Dept of Science and Technology

Two killed in wall collapse

Building was deserted owing to property dispute between two firms: Police

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Two persons were killed after a portion of a dilapidated building close to NICE Road on Mysuru Road collapsed on them on Wednesday. The duo is suspected to have gone near the wall to relieve themselves when the incident occurred.

The deceased have been identified as Bala, 30, and Rajamani, 35, both residents of Valmikinagar near Chamarajpet. Bala was a mason by profession, while Rajamani worked as a flower vendor.

According to the police, the building was deserted a decade ago owing to a property dispute between two companies. The duo, along with two others [Thamanna and Koli] went to a bar and consumed alcohol, said the police. Later, the two victims went near the building, and soon after, the wall collapsed on them. Thammanna and Koli called people for help.

The local people rushed to the spot and tried to rescue the duo stuck under the debris, but it was too late.

By the time the police arrived at the spot, the people had almost cleared the debris, but the duo were found dead, the police added.

The Byatarayanapura police have taken up a case of unnatural death and are investigating.

Woman molested, man robbed near mini-forest on Hebbal Ring Road

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The mini-forest (kiru aranya) area on Hebbal Ring Road is turning into a nightmare for people using that stretch.

A 27-year-old deputy manager of a private firm was allegedly molested, while a 31-year-old private firm employee was robbed in the span of four hours on the same stretch on Saturday evening.

In the first incident, the victim was walking on the road heading to her PG accommodation in Veerannapalya from work, when two men confronted her around 7.15 p.m. The duo molested her and escaped. The accused were drunk and suspected to be under the influence of drugs, the victim said in her complaint.

In the second incident, around 11.45 p.m., Syed Anish, a resident of Nagawara, was waiting for his brother opposite the mini-forest when two men came on a bike and snatched his mobile phone worth ₹8,000 and escaped.

FIR against Orchids The International School

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

An FIR has been registered against Orchids The International School, Magadi Road branch, at the Byadarahalli police station. The FIR was filed based on a complaint by Ramesh V., Block Education Officer (BEO), Bengaluru North-1, who alleged that the school was being run illegally.

The police have booked the secretary and principal. The BEO had alleged that the school management had not taken permission from the Department of School Education and Literacy.

The Orchids The International School, in a statement to the media, said, "We have applied for all the necessary permissions/licenses/authorisations from the State Education Department and we were expecting the approvals. Basis of our ongoing construction work and looking at our infrastructure and brand name, many parents have shown interest to enrol their children. It was only recently we received a rejection intimation from them due to some clarifications required and thereby we have reapplied and sought for all the approvals. We are hopeful to receive the permission shortly."

"In the interim we are redirecting the parents to other nearby Orchids branches ensuring the continuity for their children's education and they will receive all the services offered at our schools as per our standard practices," it said.

Message on willow

As many as one lakh sports items were used to decorate Sai Baba temple on the occasion of Guru Poornima by Satya Ganapathi Shiradi Sai Trust at Puttenahalli in Bengaluru on Wednesday. • K. BHAGYA PRAKASH

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Tender Notice No.CL/871/2022/129 Date: 13.07.2022

Notice Inviting Re-e-Tender

1. Bihar State Pollution Control Board(BSPCB) invites e-tender from eligible bidders for **"Supply, Installation, Commissioning of Real Time Ambient Noise Monitoring Stations and its Operation & Maintenance upto 05 years from their date of commissioning"**as specified in the bid document. Manual bids shall not be accepted.
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3. Tender processing fee, bid document fee, earnest money deposit shall be submitted through e-Payment mode (i.e. NEFT/RTGS, Credit/Debit Card & Net Banking) only through **https://www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in**.
4. The schedule of bidding are hereunder:-

Date of Publishing of Tender	14.07.2022; 1700 hrs
Bid Document Download Start Date/ Bid Submission START Date	14.07.2022; 1800 hrs
Pre Bid Meeting	20.07.2022; 1500 hrs
Minutes of Pre-Bid Meeting to be uploaded	22.07.2022; 1500 hrs
Bid Submission END Date	17.08.2022; 1500 hrs
Technical Bid Opening Date	18.08.2022; 1400 hrs

Member Secretary

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The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the following work.

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IN THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1 AT BANGALORE
O.A. No. 1181 of 2020
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Rep. by its Sr. Manager Vis. ...APPLICANT
Smt. VIJAYA
& ANOTHER ....DEFENDANTS
SUMMONS TO THE DEFT. Nos. 1 & 2 ISSUED UNDER REGULATIONS-16 OF THE DRT-1-2015
Deft. No.1: **Smt. VIJAYA**
Aged about 74 Years, W/o. Late Sri N.M. Siddappa, R/@. # 408, 12th Main Road, Sadashivanagar, Bangalore-80.
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Aged about 72 Years, S/o. Dr. K.H. Shetty, R/@. # 1147, 10th 'C' Cross, 13th Main Road, Mahalakshmipuram, Bangalore-560 080.
WHEREAS the above named Applicant has instituted the application U/S 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks & Financial Institutions Act, 1993, against the defendants for recovery of a sum of **Rs. 36,38,082/=** alongwith court costs, and current & future interest and other reliefs from the date of application till date of recovery. You are hereby required **to show cause within 30 days of the service of the summons or on 29th day of August 2022 at 10:30 a.m.** either in person or duly instructed pleader as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.
Take Notice that, in case of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this the 27th day of June 2022 at Bangalore.
Sd/- (Asst. REGISTRAR)
Debts Recovery Tribunal-1 for Karnataka
4, LIC Jeevan Mangal Building, 1st Floor Residency (Heyas) Road, Bangalore-560 025.

In the Court of the Hon'ble Principal Senior Civil Judge At Mysuru
(Original Jurisdiction)
In the Matter of Original Suit in O S No. 539 of 2020

Plaintiff: Shri Sunil Kumar Dallal Son of Shri Arjun Lal Jain Aged about 40 years 'Rishab Jewellers', Opp. KEB, B M Road, Periyapatna, Mysuru District.

V/s

Defendants No.1: Karnataka Telecom Department Employee's Co Operative Society Limited Registered office at No. 6/7, Raj Bhavan Road, CTO Compound Annexe, Bengaluru-560001 (Tel No. 22867794)

Summons to Defendants No.01

Whereas, the above named plaintiff has lodged these original suit in OS No.539 of 2020 on the file of the Principal Senior Civil Judge at Mysuru Whereas, you the above named Defendant No.1 is hereby called upon to appear in person or through authorized agent **on 11 day of Agust 2022 at 11.00 am.** Whereas, if you fail to appear on the above said date, the matter will be proceeded to be disposed of by placing you exparte.
Given under my hand and the seal of this Hon'ble Court, on this 29th day of June 2022.

By the order of the court
Chief Administrative Officer
Court of the Principal Senior Civil Judge, Mysuru

Advocate
Mahadeva Deshak, Attorney at Law & Corporate Consultant, No.479, Abhimaan Complex, 2nd Floor, Opp. Siddivinayaka Temple Entrance, Near JSS Public School, Vinaya Marga Siddartha Nagar, Mysore- 570011

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, PRAJWAL Umesh, R/a Flat No.104, Shalimar Summit Apts, 1st A Crs, Chinnanna Lyt, L.R.Bande Rd, K.B.Sandra, R.T.Nagar Po, Bluru-32 have changed my name to Prajwal Umesha vide affidavit dt: 13.07.2022 sworn before Notary S.Vijayakumar, B'lore

I, AROGYASWAMY, R/a No.11, 9th Cross, Tata Nagar Railway Gate, Kodigehalli, Sahakamagara Post, Bengaluru-560092 hereby state that my Son's name is wrongly entered as Sigeon Rohith in church records but his correct name is Carmel Rohith. A vide affidavit dt: 08.07.2022 sworn before Notary G.Dayananda, B'lore.

I, ARAVINDA Jagadeesh, Father of Anisha Aravind, R/a No.98/ Old No.3, 20th Cross, CHBCS Layout, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru-560040 have changed my name to Aravinda J, vide affidavit dt: 13.07.2022 sworn before Notary A.Manjula, B'lore

I, CHANDRA.N, R/o #32, 1st Main, 1st Cross, New Manjunatha Layout, Ramamurthy Nagar, Bengaluru-560016 have changed my minor daughter name from Gagana.C to Gagana Sri.C vide affidavit dt: 11-07-2022 before Notary A.R.Munseer Ahmed, B'luru.

I, CHANDRAVATHI Venkatachala Setty, W/o Manjunath Gopalkrishnaya Shetty, R/at No.1005, 27th 'A' Main, Jayanagar, 9th Block, Bengaluru-560069 have changed my name from Chandravathi Venkatachala Setty to Chandravathi vide affidavit dated 12/07/2022 before Notary N.Kanchivaradaraju, Bangalore.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

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MISC. PETITION NO.3 OF 2020
BETWEEN: Smt. Gandhinathy ..Petitioner
AND: Shri. Ravi Kumar ..Respondent
COURT NOTICE
Service of summons by paper publication under S Rule 20 (1A) of the code of Civil Procedure, 1908
Respondent : Ravi Kumar S/o P. K. Achutare Nair, aged about 64 years, R/at. No.258, 8th Cross, 1st Stage, Indiranagar, B'lore - 38.
Whereas the Petitioner herein has instituted the present Miscellaneous Petition under Order 9 Rule 9 of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 for setting aside the order dated 07-11-2019 and to restore the M.C. No.2994 / 2018 against the Respondent. You are hereby summoned to appear in person or through a pleader before the Hon'ble III Additional Family Judge, Family Court at Bangalore **on 20-08-2022 at 11:00 a.m** failing which the Petition will be heard and determined ex-parte.
Given my hand and seal of the court on this day the **21st June 2022**.
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On Thiruvananthapuram: then and now

How the city seems to cling on to days of yore and move at its own pace

JOAN SONY CHERIAN

Sandwiched between the Western ghats and the Arabian Sea, Thiruvananthapuram boasts of a distinct physiography with its low-lying coastal areas, its varied hills as well as its lakes and backwaters. Being the capital of Kerala, its hosts the political and administrative seat of the State. It is also one of the State's major IT hubs which by default is quickly transforming the urban space to that of a pan-Indian metropolis. Yet, with all the signs of a rapidly metamorphosing landscape, the city still seems to be moving at its own pace.

A distinct past

Thiruvananthapuram has a unique history compared to the rest of the State. Tracing its political and cultural history from the early 20th century to pre-independence, Manu. S. Pillai, in the introduction to his critically acclaimed work, *The Ivory Throne: Chronicles of the House of Travancore*, talks about the rise of Marthanda Varma, who saved Travancore 'from that destructive wave of invasive war that would engulf all else very shortly'. By dominating forces at home, Marthanda Varma set out on a path of conquest and victory at a time when the rest of the region, mainly the Kingdom of Cochin and the Zamorin's regime, was falling due to the influx of the Portuguese and the Dutch.

Pillai states that Marthanda Varma, taking a leaf out of the lessons learnt by his counterparts further north, chose to establish an amicable relationship with the colonialists which made Travancore the seat of politics it is now. "The fortunes of Kerala's last prominent princely line were inextricably intertwined in an umbilical bond with the fate of the imperial enterprise in India. So long as the sun did not set on the British Empire, Travancore would endure."

C. V. Ramanpillai through his trilogy *Marthandavarma* (1891) *Dharmaraja* (1913) and *Ramarajabahadur* (1918-19) fictionalises this intricate history of Travancore through both its internal and external conspiracies coupled with the doomed romance of warring factions.

Thakazhi Sivasankara Pillai's 1965 Kerala Sahitya Akademi winner *Eenipadikkal* (Rungs of the Ladder) brings us back to earth from royal intrigues. The novel is set in Thiruvananthapuram in the backdrop of the Diwan rule in the 1920s to the election of the first communist regime in the State post-independence. We witness the political climate of that period through the eyes of a commoner who has ambitions to rise through the ranks by hook or by crook.

Thakazhi introduces us to Keshavapillai, born the son of an ordinary farmer trying to make the most of the fast-changing political landscape. Starting out as a government clerk, he proceeds to learn every trick in the book in order to go up the ladder. He forges relationships solely on the basis of their utility in his greed for social and political mobility and eventually becomes a Chief Secretary.

However, with the emergence of the communist government, he is unceremoniously ousted from his seat and quickly descends into oblivion.

The glory of Anantha

The main tourist attraction of the city, its crown jewel if you will, is the Padmanabhaswamy Temple. Even the city's name, Thiruvananthapuram translates to the 'City of Anantha', the presiding deity of the temple.

The sister of the present scion of Thiruvananthapuram, Aswathy Thirunal Gowri Lakshmi Bayi, has written a comprehensive history of the temple in *Sree Padmanabhaswamy Kshetram* (The Temple of Shri Padmanabhaswamy). The royal family of Travancore since the time of Marthanda Varma has been the traditional keeper and manager of the famed temple.

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However, ever since it was an open secret that the temple was the resting place of vast amounts of undocumented treasures, making it one of the wealthiest temples in the world, there has been general wariness around the fact that the royal family are the sole managers who have access to such wealth. Fictionalising these debates in a fast-paced crime thriller, Ravi Subramanian's *In the name of God*, takes us around the world as officials try to trace an idol smuggling ring all in the backdrop of the bitter legal feud on whether the Padmanabhaswamy temple management should retain with the royal family or go to the State. Things come to a head when the temple itself becomes a target of the smugglers.

Beyond the past

Apart from its grand temples and their splendour, being a coastal town, the sea is fundamental to experiencing the city.

However, for those who depend on the sea for their entire existence, the experience is not quite as pleasant. Under the control of the whims and fancies of the sea, the fishing community mostly live in abject poverty. Veteran journalist Binoo. K. John's first work of fiction *The Last Song of Savio de Souza* gives us a glimpse of the lives along the coast; most of them are Christians and Muslims belonging to lower caste groups.

Through the eyes of Savio and Silvy we are taken through the festival at Vettucaud church where Savio makes his singing debut to Bheemapally where miracles happen through the blessings of the saint to the streets of the Palayam market where football goalie cum murderer of pervert men Hamid makes his living. We see how people in the 'Puram' (as the city is referred to in the novel) navigate their immediate conditions in constant search for government jobs or in extreme cases like Silvy's through the garb of the habit. The city with all its intricacies and misery comes alive in the novel almost taking on the presence of a living breathing character.

Writers like John and A. Madhavan provide unappreciated facets of the city in their works. In his novel *Krishna Parunthu* (Brahminy Kite), often considered to be his masterpiece, Madhavan tells stories about the lives of people in and around the Chalai market, the famous wholesale retail market of Thiruvananthapuram.

There is a need for writers to traverse more into the everyday life of a city which despite its one thousand protests per day still retains its aura as quiet, quaint, and dignified.

Thiruvananthapuram surely has more tales to tell and more places to be explored.

THE DAILY QUIZ

July 14 is an important date in the history of France as it commemorates two incidents that happened on that date. A quiz on the Fête Nationale of the European country

1 Apart from commemorating the storming of the Bastille on July 14, 1789, for what other event is the date important?

2 Who was the ruler of France when Parisian revolutionaries stormed the state prison housed in the fortress known as Bastille?

3 There were only seven prisoners when Bastille was breached. Name the infamously famous French literary figure, author of *One Hundred and Twenty Days of Sodom*, who had been imprisoned at the fortress till July 4, ten days before the rebels stormed inside.

4 This founding father of the U.S. was the country's minister to France when the storming happened. Name the future President who donated 60 francs to the widows of those killed in taking the Bastille.

5 Bastille Day features the oldest and largest regular military parade in Western Europe. When did this tradition start and when did Indian soldiers participate for the first time?

6 Which former French colony in India observes the French National day with a parade on the eve of July 14?

7 Name the celebrated work of historical fiction, and the author, which tells the story of Dr. Manette, his 18-year-long imprisonment in the Bastille in Paris, and his release?

8 What are the starting and ending points of the Bastille Day military parade in Paris?

◄ Name the celebrated French artist (name blanked out in the visual) who painted this work titled *The Fourteenth of July*.

Please send in your answers to the dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

Questions (abridged) and Answers to the previous day's quiz: 1. Ludo originates from this ancient cross and circle board game. **Ans: Pachisi**
2. There are 43252003 trillion configurations of this puzzle from this country but only one solution. **Ans: Rubik's Cube and Hungary**
3. This brand was started by Ole Kirk Christiansen. **Ans: Lego**
4. This game was invented by two Canadians in 1981. **Ans: Trivial Pursuit**
5. The other three tokens used in Monopoly other than Boot, Racehorse, and the Iron. **Ans: Battleship, Racing Car, and Top Hat**
6. Mr. Boddy and Dr. Black perform this same role in the U.S. and U.K. version of this game. **Ans: The murder victim in Cluedo**
7. Of the four kings in the deck, this king is clean-shaven. **Ans: King of Hearts**
8. 'With this card, you must have no other alternative cards to play that matches the colour of the card previously played' is a rule in this game. **Ans: Uno**
9. The total face value of the 100 tiles in Scrabble and the only letter with a value of 5. **Ans: 187 and 'K'**
Visual: Name this game. **Ans: Backgammon**

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Know your English

"Good morning, sir."

"Good morning."

"I am sorry I am late, sir. On my way, I bought an ink bottle. The salesman took his own time."

"That's all right. What do you want an ink bottle for?"

"I want to use the ink in it for my pen, sir."

"Oh! So you bought a bottle of ink. An ink bottle is a bottle that had ink in it or may be filled with ink. If you ask for a milk bottle, you will get a bottle but not milk. If you ask for a bottle of milk, you will get milk in a bottle. If you offer someone beer bottles, he may take them and remain sober. If you offer him bottles of beer and if he takes them, he may not be sober."

"Oh sir. I didn't know there was this difference between 'a beer bottle' and 'a bottle of beer'. Sir, what is the meaning of 'he whitewashed his faults'?

"When you whitewash the walls, you cover whatever is dirty on them. After a whitewash, the walls look clean.

Metaphorically 'to whitewash' means 'to cover something wrong or bad'.

He whitewashed the whole affair.

I don't believe a word of what he said. It is all whitewash.

In Australian English, it is used in another sense also. 'To whitewash an opponent' means 'to wipe the floor with him'. 'A whitewash' is a defeat in which the loser doesn't score even a single point. When you crush your opponent, you say 'I whitewashed him'."

"Sir, is it 'in my heart of hearts' or 'in my hearts of hearts'?"

"It is 'in my heart of hearts'. 'In my heart of hearts' means 'in my inmost feelings'.

In my heart of hearts, I think he is a fool.

He says all these things. But I know in his heart of hearts, he doesn't like me."

"Thank you, sir, I learn a great deal by discussing about such questions with you."

"We learn a great deal by discussing such questions. By the way, we discuss questions. We don't discuss about questions.

I discussed my plans with my teacher.

He discussed the programme with me.

We'll discuss the matter when we meet."

"Sir, is it alright to say 'we discussed on it'?"

"No. You discuss something. But there can be a discussion *on* something.

There was a discussion on the minister's forthcoming visit.

I don't see how a discussion on his private affairs will be helpful.

Well, let's stop our discussion here."

"I have one more question, sir. How do you pronounce 'please', sir?"

" 'Please' rhymes with 'tease' and 'cheese'. The 's' is pronounced 'z'. It's getting late for you. Goodbye."

"Thank you, sir. Goodbye."

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Man appears for PRR hearing 18 years after grandfather gets notice

70 persons attended the public hearing during which project delay and BDA's lapses were highlighted

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

"My grandfather received a notice on land acquisition 18 years ago, and now I am standing before you. This project has caused hardships for farmers. Youngsters like me want to take up agriculture, but you are snatching away our land," said Vijayakumar, during a public hearing on the Peripheral Ring Road (PRR) project, organised by the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) on Wednesday.

Objections to the inordinate delay in implementing the project, environment destruction, lapses on the part of the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA), and demand for fair compensation were the highlights of the public hearing.

Around 70 people participated in the meeting that was held at B.R. Ambedkar Bhavan in Yelahanka. Heavy police deployment was made near the venue and police outnumbered the participants.

Participants during a public hearing on the Peripheral Ring Road project, organised by the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board in Bengaluru on Wednesday.

'Mockery of democracy'

Jayanth, a farmer whose property has been identified for the acquisition, said, "This public hearing is a mockery of democracy. The farmers who have protested against the BDA are in public custody. In their absence this public hearing has been organised. All these years, the farmers have suffered. After their land was notified, they could not sell the land for the marriage of their children or to meet medical expenses. Now, the BDA wants to exploit them further by not agreeing to fair compensation".

As per the proposal, the BDA is building an eight-lane road connecting Tumakuru Road with Hosur Road. The 74-km stretch will connect major roads such as Hesarghatta Road, Doddaballapur Road, Ballari Road, Old Madras Road, and Hoskote-Anekal Road.

The estimated cost of the project is ₹14,934 crore, out of which ₹9,318 crore is required for land acquisition and rehabilitation. More than 1,036 hectares of land are required for the project, out of which 555 hectares of land are private properties.

Fixing compensation for the notified land has been one of the major hurdles. Ramesh from Ramagondanahalli said, "When land losers get higher compensation for projects such as Bengaluru-Mysuru highway and others, why is there a disparity in fixing pay compensation for PRR projects? We want compensation as per Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013. We will not agree to any other compensation".

S.K. Vijayakumar termed the hearing as illegal. He said that the project was not taken up within the timeline fixed as per the provision of the BDA Act and the authority cannot acquire notified land.

Bengaluru Urban Deputy Commissioner Sangappa headed the hearing. There was a demand by participants for one more round of hearing in the core city area. However, the DC said that additional public hearings will not be conducted. In 2020, the BDA conducted two rounds of public hearings on the project and they were challenged in the Karnataka High Court. The court had ordered authorities to conduct a fresh hearing.

36,824 trees to make way for the project

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

As per the environmental impact assessment (EIA) made for the project, 36,824 trees will have to be removed for the project. At Thippagondanahalli reservoir, 20 km of the proposed road will be built and 13,355 come in the way of the project. More than 630 trees have been identified at Jarakabande Kaval reserve forest area.

One of the participants, Lalitha, said, "Our parents had shifted to the land notified for the project 50 years ago. In our area, 300 trees such as mango, sapota and coconut have been identified for removal. The project will have a huge environmental impact and I demand that the BDA do a detailed census of the trees".

CM to meet farmers

Farmers who were protesting against land acquisition for PRR were arrested on Tuesday by the police and brought to Freedom Park on Wednesday. • K. BHAGYA PRAKASH

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Farmers, who were in police custody after they staged a protest on Tuesday, were taken to Freedom Park on Wednesday.

The farmers were demanding that the police allow them to stage a protest near the BDA office.

In the evening, after police informed them that the Chief Minister would hold a meeting with them in four days, they decided to temporarily withdraw the protest. Eshwar Reddy, a farmer, said, "We are hopeful that the CM will listen to our grievances. If authorities fail to convene a meeting with the CM, we will hold protests against the BDA."

CCB busts inter-State gang for peddling drugs in metro cities

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The Anti-Narcotics Wing of the Central Crime Branch on Wednesday busted another inter-State drug racket and arrested four persons who were allegedly peddling drugs in metro cities.

The accused have been identified as Srinivasa, Satyavathy, Malleshwari, and Prahlad. According to the police, the accused used to work as DJs in pubs and restaurants to contact their clients and peddle drugs.

The accused had links with the tribals in the forest range of Araku in Andhra Pradesh and used to stay with them to grow marijuana to prepare hashish oil and other form of drugs, the police said. The accused would then conceal the drugs in bags containing cereals, pulses, and vegetables and walk several kilometres through the forest area to reach the railway station.

The accused would then travel in the train with the luggage to reach the metro cities, including Hyderabad, Chennai, Kochi, Mumbai, and Bengaluru, and hand over the consignment to their contacts, Raman Gupta, Joint Commissioner of Police (Crime), said. The accused have been booked under sections of the NDPS Act and the police are investigating to probe their network.

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Cyber fraudsters again target officials' IDs to cheat people

This is the third complaint received by Cyber Crime Police

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Another senior IAS officer has become the victim of the Amazon gift card scam. Anil Kumar B.H., Additional Chief Secretary, PWD, has filed a complaint with the Central Division of the Cyber Crime Police that his identity has been misused.

In his complaint, Mr. Anil Kumar said that an unknown person used his picture and name in the WhatsApp display picture and messaged officials and staff to promote the Amazon gift card and shared a link to make purchases .

This is the third complaint received by the Central Division Cyber Crime Police as fraudsters used the Chief Commissioner of the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Tushar Giri Nath's identity to sell Amazon gift cards to his social media contacts last Friday.

A similar complaint was by Bhagoji T. Khanapure, a senior official of the Drugs Control Department, stating that an unknown person, using his picture and name on WhatsApp, sent messages to his contact list.

The police have registered separate FIRs against unidentified people charging them under Section 66C (fraudulent use of the electronic signature, password or any other unique identification feature of any other person) of the IT Act on Friday and are investigating.

21 stolen bikes recovered

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The Mahalaksahmi Layout Police on Wednesday arrested a 39-year-old security guard and recovered 21 stolen motorcycles worth ₹12.5 lakh from him.

The accused, Srinivas, a resident of Laggere, is a watchman for a garment factory. According to the police, the accused was into expensive vices with a meagre salary. He started to steal bikes parked in front of houses and sold it to his contacts in Kolar and parts of Andhra Pradesh at throwaway prices.

He was stealing bikes since 2019 until June 28, when he picked up a bike parked near the metro station, said the police.

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No: RGUHS/AFF/COE/Pharmacy/2022-23 Date: 05.07.2022
NOTIFICATION
Inviting applications for Fresh/ Additional course (PG) / increase in intake (UG&PG) of affiliation of Pharmacy courses under RGUHS for the Academic Year 2023-24

1	**Fresh courses / Additional Courses / Increase in Intake:** Applications are invited from eligible and interested institutions/ organizations for fresh course/additional courses (PG) /increase in intake (UG & PG) for the academic year 2023-24.
2	The institutions shall submit the applications along with processing fee of Rs.25,000/- only (For fresh and increase in intake applications).
3	The affiliation fee shall not be paid at the time of submission of applications for fresh, renewal of consent and increase in intake
4	After scrutiny of the applications, the University will send the communication to the verified and accepted colleges. Then the colleges shall pay the remaining affiliation fee deducting processing fee within the last date prescribed. The processing fee of colleges without proper documentation will be forfeited.
5	**Calendar of events for Fresh/Additional Course/ Increase in intake:**

(a)	Availability of application forms in RGUHS website: www.rguhs.ac.in	07.07.2022
(b)	Last date of submission of duly filled in application form (Two copies) along with the soft copy in PenDrive (In single PDF file) and online **receipt of processing fee-paid** to the Registrar, RGUHS in person.	27.07.2022
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6	The details of the courses offered by RGUHS and Application form are available on RGUHS official website : www.rguhs.ac.in

DIPR/1342/2022-23 For further details visit **www.rguhs.ac.in** Sd/- Registrar

Avail Subsidy for Kaashi Yatra

Kaashi Yatra Subsidy Scheme | Subsidy Distribution Shri Basavaraj S. Bommai Hon'ble Chief Minister | Date: 14-7-2022 Time: 1:30 p.m. Conference Hall, Vidhana Soudha Bangalore

Guidelines to receive Kaashi Yatra Subsidy

- Kaashi Yatra Pilgrims are eligible for a subsidy of Rs. 5000/- by the Government of Karnataka.
- Only Pilgrims of Karnataka are eligible.
- **Documents required:** Voter ID or Aadhar Card or Ration Card.
- As on 1st April 2022, Pilgrims should be 18 Years & above.
- Bank Accounts of Pilgrims must be mandatorily linked with Aadhar Card.

Smt. Shashikala A Jolle, Hon'ble Minister for Muzarai, Haj & Wakf performing Gopooja on Dharmika Dina

For more information visit Department's website **https://itms.kar.nic.in/hrcehome**

S. Uma Shankar, IAS
Principal Secretary (HRI & CE)
Revenue Department

Rohini Sindhuri, IAS
Commissioner, Department of Religious Endowment

HINDU RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS AND CHARITABLE ENDOWMENTS DEPARTMENT

Covid -19 - There should be caution not to worry
Wear Mask | Maintain Physical Distance | Wash / Sanitize your hands

BEFORE THE HON'BLE XXV ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE, AT BENGALURU
G & WC No. 49/2022 (CCH-23)

BETWEEN: 1. Kum. Avika,
Aged about 12 years, D/o Anil Kumar
2. Mas. Avyan, Aged about 7 years D/o Anil Kumar
Petitioner No.1 & 2 are Minors,
Rep by Mother And Natural Guardian
Smt. Sneha Prakash, Aged about 39 years
/Kid Svasa Homes, Tower 1, Apt No.1501, 6TH, 6th Cross, Mahatma Layout, Kempegowda Layout, Bengaluru-560019 ..**Petitioners**

AND

NIL .. **Respondents**

DRAFT PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas the petitioners above named represented by their mother/natural guardian has filed the petitioner under section 8 of the Hindu Minority & Guardianship Act, praying to permit her to sell the schedule property for the welfare and future prospectus of her minor children. That it is hereby informed to the public in general that any interested persons claiming/ having right over the schedule property may appear before the XXV Addl. Hon'ble City Civil Court, at Bengaluru (CCH-23) on **12.08.2022 at 11.00 AM**, through person or through their pleader duly instructed to show cause the notice against the petitioners failing which the matter will be heard and determined exparte.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the industrial site bearing No.22, Municipal No.24, Old BBMP Ward No.11, New BBMP Ward No.38, PID No.11-59-24, 3rd Main Road, Yeshwanthapura, Industrial Suburb (Ring Road), 2nd Stage, Tumkur Road, Bengaluru-560022, measuring East to West 127 feet and North to South 119 feet in all measuring 15,113 sqft out of total extent on 34,510 sqft bounded on

East by : Road
West by : Remaining portion of the same property belongs to N.S.Shashidhar
North by : Road
South by : Remaining portion of the same property belongs to N.K.Ashwathanaran and K. Satyanirayana.

By Order of the Court Assistant Registrar
City Civil Court Bangalore
Address for Service
Sri. V.Ravi Prakash, Sri. H.S.Kiran
Advocates, VRP Associates, Opp. To Kanteeka Grand, 4th Floor, 5th Cross, Gandhinagar, Bengaluru-560009 Mob No.9986482315
Email: vrpassociates82@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that my client has negotiated to purchase the below mentioned Schedule Property from Mrs Meena V Kirloskar W/o Mr. Vijay R.Kirloskar Residing at No.22 17th Cross, Malleswaram (west) Bangalore, who had acquired the same by virtue of a Deed of Absolute Sale, dated 20.08.2003, registered as Photo registered as Document No.2419-03-04, and stored in CD No: GNSR31 before the Sub Registrar, Gandhi Nagar Bangalore (U district) in respect of the Schedule Property. Any person/s having/asserting any right, title, interest on the said property or any part thereof by way of Sale, Exchange, Mortgage, Gift, Trust, Inheritance, Bequest, Possession, Lease, Lien, easement or otherwise is hereby required to communicate to the undersigned at his office within **FIFTEEN DAYS** from the date of publication hereof, as otherwise, the said sale will be completed without any reference or regard to any purported claim or interest which shall be deemed to have been waived to all intents and purposes.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Residential Property bearing Municipal Nos.6, (Old No. 103) First Main Road, Jaymahal Extension, Division No.83 (New Division No.92) BBMP PID NO: 92-16-6, Measuring East to west: 80 feet, (24.38 Mtrs) North to South: 116 feet 9 inches (33.56 Mtrs) In all Measuring 9334 Sqft or 867.44 Sq.Mtrs,
BOUNDED:
East by : Property Bearing Old No.102 New No.7, First Main Road, Jaymahal Extension, West by : Property Bearing Old No.104 &105, First Main Road, Jaymahal Extension, North by : Premises Bearing 10-11, 3rd Main Road, South by : First Main Road Jaymahal Extension.

SYED ISHTIAQ AHMED, Advocate
No. 46, Meenakshi Koil Street, 2nd Floor, Bangalore-560 051. Tel: 9341262480
Place: Bangalore Date: 14/07/2022

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice No.: 05-S&T/MYS/2022-01
Dated : 08.07.2022

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the following work.

Name of the Work	Approx. Value
Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract for Integrated Power Supply systems of HBL Power System Limited at Holenarasipura, Thalaku, Bommagundanakere, Molakalmuru, Banasandra, Chalgeri, Tarikere, Ranibennur, Hosahagrahara, Chitradurga, Sagarakatte, Amritapura stations and LC No.211 at KM 344/100-200 between Kumarapatnam Siding - Chalgeri, LC No.217 at KM 359/500-600 between Chalgeri - Ranibennur over Mysuru Division for three years.	Rs. 55,13,856/-

Last date for submission of bids:
Upto 15:00 Hrs. on 01-08-2022
For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in
Senior Divisional Signal & Telecommunication Engineer
PUB/2022/AAS/PRB/SWR/2022-23 Mysuru
S.W.Railways SWRRLY SWRRLY

IN THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II
JEEVAN MANGAL BUILDING, No. 4, Residency Road At Bangalore.
O.A. No. 837/2020

Between :
Punjab National Bank,
KG Road Branch.
Applicant

And
M/s AVIVA TECHNOLOGIES & Anr
Defendants

Summons issued under Rule 23 (viii) of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules 1993 to the Defendant

Whereas the Applicant has instituted an application under section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 against you for recovery of a sum of **Rs. 1, 07, 32,087.20 (Rupees One Crore Seven Lakhs Thirty Two Thousand Eighty Seven and Twenty Paisa Only)** together with current and future interest and other reliefs.

You are hereby required to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication of this summons or on the **29.08.2022, at 10.30 A.M.** in person or by a Pleader / Advocate duly instructed as to why the reliefs prayed for should not be granted. Take notice that in case of default the Application will be heard and determined in your absence.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THIS TRIBUNAL ON THIS THE **20TH DAY OF JUNE 2022.**

BY ORDER OF THE TRIBUNAL
Sd/-
REGISTRAR
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II

1. M/s Aviva Technologies
No. 128, 1st Floor, Spa Plaza, OTC Road-1094, Hotel Lucia, Bangalore City, Bangalore-560002
2. Mr. Kalaram Purohit,
Prop: M/s Aviva Technologies
No.20, 2nd Floor, Gunigara C Lane, Maldarpet, Nagarathpet.

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

TENDER NOTIFICATION (e-Procurement mode only)

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited invites Bids for the following works

1. No.:SEE/Tr(M)/RMGC/EE/AEE-1/F-35/22-23/1502-04 Date: 12.07.2022

Bid Enquiry No:KPTCL/SEE/TR(M)/RMGC/EE(O)/AEE-1/REPBREAKER/EPR-339 Dtd:11.07.2022 for the work of replacement of old 66 kV Shimsha and Somanahalli-1 breakers at 220 kV R/S T K Halli on TOTAL TURN KEY BASIS. **Amount put to tender Rs.20,41,231.00 and EMD amount Rs.20,412.00.**

2. No.:SEE/Tr(M)/RMGC/EE/AEE-1/F-39/22-23/1506-08 Date: 12.07.2022

Bid Enquiry No:KPTCL/SEE/TR(M)/RMGC/EE(O)/AEE-1/BUSISOLATOR/EPR-340 Dtd:11.07.2022 for the work of replacement of old 66 kV Shimsha and Somanahalli-1 breakers at 220 kV R/S T K Halli on TOTAL TURN KEY BASIS. **Amount put to tender Rs.14,09,999.00 and EMD amount Rs.14,099.00.**

The bid will be received through e-procurement mode only. The detailed notification regarding the subject enquiry in the e-procurement process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website **www.kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** on hyperlink **"e-Procurement-KPTCL"or directly logging on to website "https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in/"** on or after **14.07.2022 16:30hrs.** Other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Elecl.)
Transmission (M), Ramanagara Circle, KPTCL, 220/66/11kV
Vrushabhavathi Valley Station Premises, Mysuru Road, Bengaluru-560 026.

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಅರಣ್ಯ ಇಲಾಖೆ
ಉಪ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಮಂಡ್ಯ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಮಂಡ್ಯ
ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ಬಿಯುಡಿ/ಇ.ಕಾ/ಟೆಆರ್-88/2020-21 ದಿ:11.07.2022

ಸಂಕ್ಷಿಪ್ತ ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ - ದ್ವಿ-ಲಕೋಟೆ

ಈ ಮೂಲಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕರಿಗೆ ತಿಳಿಯಪಡಿಸುವುದೇನೆಂದರೆ ಅನುಸೂಚಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ನಮೂದಿಸಿರುವ ಮಂಡ್ಯ ವಿಭಾಗ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ವಲಯಗಳ ಅರಣ್ಯಪ್ರದೇಶಗಳಲ್ಲಿ 2022-23ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಆರ್‌ಸಿಸಿ ಪಿಲ್ಲರ್ ಜೊತೆಗಿನ ಮುಳ್ಳುತಂತಿ ಬೇಲಿ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ, Formation of patrolling road, Seed sowing ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳನ್ನು ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳುವುದು ನಿಬಂಧನೆಗಳನ್ನೊಳಗೊಂಡಂತೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ಥಮಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ (ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ) ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ-2016ರಂತೆ ಈ ವಿಭಾಗದಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಂದಾಯಿಸಿಕೊಂಡಿರುವ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಇ-ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಸದರಿ ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳನ್ನು **31.12.2022** ರ ಒಳಗಾಗಿ ಮುಕ್ತಾಯಗೊಳಿಸಬೇಕಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಿಟ್ಟ **10 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ** ಪೈಕಿ ಗರಿಷ್ಠ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಮೊತ್ತವು **ರೂ.50.40 ಲಕ್ಷ** ಹಾಗೂ ಕನಿಷ್ಠ ಮೊತ್ತವು **ರೂ.1.067 ಲಕ್ಷ** ಆಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ನಿಗದಿತ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಹಾಗೂ ಸಮಯದಂದು ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ಸಹಿ ಮಾಡಿರುವ ಅಥವಾ ಅವರಿಂದ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕೃತಗೊಂಡ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳಿಂದ ತೆರೆದು ಓದಲಾಗುವುದು. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಿನಾಂಕವು ಸಾರ್ವತ್ರಿಕ ರಜೆ ಎಂದು ಘೋಷಿತವಾದಲ್ಲಿ ಮರುದಿನ ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸಿ ಅದೇ ಸಮಯಕ್ಕೆ ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು. ಕೆಲಸದ ವಿವರ, ಪರಿಮಾಣ, ಇಎಂಡಿ ಇತರೇ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಬೇಕಾದಲ್ಲಿ ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ಕಛೇರಿಯಿಂದ ಮತ್ತು ಅಂತರ್ಜಾಲದ ಮೂಲಕ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ ವಿಳಾಸ **http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** ರಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು. ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ಸಮಯ : **26.07.2022 ಸಂಜೆ 4.00**. ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ಸಮಯ : **28.07.2022 ಸಂಜೆ 4.01**. ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ಸಮಯ : **29.07.2022 ಸಂಜೆ 5.01**. Auto Extention ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ಸಮಯ : **04.08.2022 ಸಂಜೆ 4.00**. Auto Extention ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ಸಮಯ : **06.08.2022 ಸಂಜೆ 4.01**. Auto Extention ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ಸಮಯ : **08.08.2022 ಸಂಜೆ 5.01**.

ಸಹಿ/-ಉಪ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿ, ಮಂಡ್ಯ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಮಂಡ್ಯ

ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ/ಪ್ರ-ಮಂಡ್ಯ/ಎಂಒಪಿ/203/2022-23

RAJIV GANDHI UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES, KARNATAKA

4th 'T' Block, Jayanagara, Bengaluru – 560 041, Ph No.080-26961928 Fax-080-26961929

No: RGUHS/AFF/CoE/AYUSH/2022-23 **Date: 05.07.2022**

NOTIFICATION

Inviting applications for Fresh/ Additional course (PG) / increase in intake (UG&PG) of affiliation of Ayush courses under RGUHS for the Academic Year 2023-24

1	**Fresh courses / Additional Courses / Increase in Intake:** Applications are invited from eligible and interested institutions/ organizations for fresh course/additional courses (PG) /increase in intake (UG & PG) for the academic year 2023-24.
2	The academic year for which the institutions can apply for Fresh/ Additional course /Increase intake are given in the following table.
3	The institutions shall submit the applications along with processing fee of Rs.25,000/- only (For fresh and increase in intake applications).
4	The affiliation fee shall not be paid at the time of submission of applications for fresh, renewal of consent and increase in intake
5	After scrutiny of the applications, the University will send the communication to the verified and accepted colleges. Then the colleges shall pay the remaining affiliation fee deducting processing fee within the last date prescribed. The processing fee of colleges without proper documentation will be forfeited.
6	**Calendar of events for Fresh/Additional Course/ Increase in intake:**

(a)	Availability of application forms in RGUHS website: www.rguhs.ac.in	**07.07.2022**
(b)	Last date of submission of duly filled in application form (Two copies) along with the soft copy in PenDrive (In single PDF file) and online **receipt of processing fee-paid** to the Registrar, RGUHS in person.	**27.07.2022**
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For further details visit **www.rguhs.ac.in**

DIPR/1342/2022-23

Sd/-
Registrar

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
DIRECTORATE OF CHILD PROTECTION

3rd Floor, Vishweshwaraiah Mini Tower, Dr. Ambedkar Veedhi, Bengaluru-560001.
Phone No: 080-22867383 e-mail: icps.kar@gmail.com

No:DCP/CP/CWC & JJB-5/2022-23 Date:14.07.2022

NOTIFICATION

IN THE STATE OF KARNATAKA APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED FOR THE SELECTION OF CHAIRPERSONS AND MEMBERS OF CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEES (CWC) AND SOCIAL WORKER MEMBERS OF JUVENILE JUSTICE BOARD (JJB).

The applications are invited in Karnataka from all the 31 Districts for the selection of Chairpersons and Members of Child Welfare Committee as per Section 27 of Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 and Rule 15(3) of Model Rules, 2016 **and Social Worker Members of Juvenile Justice Boards as per** Section 4 of Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 and Rule 4(3) of Model Rules, 2016.

This is a supplementary notification that is being issued to address the ambiguity created by certain private websites/career portals, regarding the educational qualification relating to the advertisement **dated 13/10/2020 & 30/01/2021** that was published from Directorate of Child Protection inviting applications for selection of Chairperson/Members for Child Welfare Committees and Juvenile Justice Boards and also to address the requirements for the new CWCs and JJBs that are being constituted by the Child Protection Directorate.

The Chairpersons and members of Child Welfare Committee and social worker members of Juvenile Justice Board shall be paid Rs.1500/- per sitting for each meeting which shall include sitting allowances, traveling allowances and any other allowances as the State Government may prescribe.

The eligibility criteria for the above-mentioned vacancies are given below:

Name of the position	Tenure	Eligibility Criteria and Age specification
Social Worker Members for the Juvenile Justice Board	3 years	As per Section 4 of the Juvenile Justice (care and protection of children) Act, 2015 & Rule 4 of the Juvenile Justice (care and protection of children) Model Rules, 2016: "The candidate shall not be ***less than 35 years of age*** and shall have ***at least 07 years of experience of actively working with children*** in the field of education, health, or welfare activities, **or** "The candidate shall not be ***less than 35 years of age*** and ***should be a practicing professional*** with a degree in Child Psychology or Psychiatry or sociology or in the field of law."
Chairperson/ Member of the Child Welfare Committee	3 years	As per Section 27 of the Juvenile Justice(care and protection of children) Act, 2015 & Rule 15 (3) of the Juvenile Justice (care and protection of children) Model Rules, 2016: "The candidate shall be ***above the age of 35 years*** and Shall have a ***minimum of 07 years of experience of actively working*** with children in the field of education, health, or welfare activities, **or** "The candidate shall be ***above the age of 35 years and should be a practicing professional with a degree*** in Child Psychology or Psychiatry or Social Work or sociology **or** human development or in the field of law or a retired Judicial officer."

The applications will be accepted w.e.f **14/07/2022 to 16/08/2022.** Applicants may send their applications in the prescribed format personally or by registered post on or before **16/08/2022 by 5:30 pm** to **The Director, Directorate of Child Protection & Member Secretary, State Level Selection Committee, 3rd Floor, Vishveswaraiah Mini Tower, Dr. Ambedkar Veedhi, Bengaluru-560001.**

Note :

1. The applicants who have applied for the selection of Chairperson/Members of Child Welfare Committees and Social Worker Members of Juvenile Justice Boards against previous advertisement of the Department dated 13/10/2020 & 30/01/2021 **need not re-apply.**
2. **The prescribed application form for Juvenile Justice Board and Child Welfare Committee is available in all districts District Child Protection Unit and also available in Directorate of Child Protection website www.icps.karnataka.gov.in**
3. Incomplete Applications or those received after due date shall not be entertained.
4. The Director, Directorate of Child Protection & Member Secretary, State Level Selection Committee reserve the right to reject any or all applications without assigning any reason.
5. Applicants shortlisted for the interview will be intimated with scheduled interview date and also the list will be uploaded in the **Directorate website www.icps.karnataka.gov.in** or may contact **District Child Protection Officer** for more details.
6. Applicant to contact District Child Protection Officer, District Child Protection Unit, of concerned Districts, for more details. Address and phone numbers of the same is available in the website www.icps.karnataka.gov.in
7. The Director, Directorate of Child protection can be contacted for more details Office No : 080-22867383, Project Director : 9342585300, Program Officer : 9740399666, e-mail to icps.kar@gmail.com
8. **The Directorate of Child Protection is not responsible for any information published by any other private web portal/carrier portal or any other media.**

Sd/- Director
Directorate of Child Protection and
Member Secretary, State Level Selection Committee,
Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/Jagadale Advertising/1345/2022-23

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Government of Jharkhand
Department of Mines & Geology Directorate of Geology
Engineers' Hostel No-2, 2nd floor, Dhurwa, Ranchi-834004

Email: dir-geology@jharkhandmail.gov.in

Cancellation
Notification No. - 19/2021-22
e-Auction of Rewaratu Graphite Block, Palamu

Notification No.-19/2021-22 was published on 07.01.2022 in different News Papers vide PR.No.-261184 (Mines and Geology) 21-22. In Consonance with Mineral (Auction) Amendment Rules, 2017 Rule 9, sub-rule (4) and Tender Document Clause 8.1 (A) (e) for auction of Rewaratu Graphite Block over an area of 27.78 Ha in Palamu District, Jharkhand for grant of Mining Lease has been annulled.

Sd/-
(Vijay Kumar Ojha)
Director Geology

PR 273548 Mines and Geology(22-23)D

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice No.: CAO/CN/BNC/45/2022
Dated : 06-07-2022

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the following work.

Name of the Work	Approx. Value
Modification / Shifting of existing HT (33 KV / 11 KV) and LT overhead power line alignment to facilitate the civil work for construction of proposed ROB in lieu of LC Gate No. 63 and provision of lighting arrangements and shifting of other electrical infringements / utilities to facilitate doubling work in between Perukonda - Dharmavaram Section. **(Tender Ref. No. ECN-23-2022-RT)**	Rs. 1,88,15,488/-

Last date for submission of bids:
Upto 11:00 Hrs. on 03-08-2022
For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in
Deputy Chief Electrical Engineer / Construction
Bengaluru Cantonment
PUB/221/AAS/PRB/SWR/2022-23
S.W.Railways SWRRLY SWRRLY

Govt. of Karnataka
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
Sri Malai Mahadeshwara Swamy Kshethra Development Authority,

Mahadeshwara Hills, Hanur Taluk, Chamarajanagar District.
Telephone No. : 08225-272128 / Fax : 272123 Email : sec.mmtemple@gmail.com

No. S.M.M.K.D.A/8/PR/10/2021-22/Call-2 Dated : 08-07-2022

EXPRESSION OF INTREST NOTIFICATION
(Through e-procurement portal http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in)

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, under signed has invited Expression of Interest is here by invited on behalf of the Chairman, Sri Male Mahadeswara Swamy Kshethra Development Authority, M.M. Hills, Hanur Taluk, Chamarajanagar District - 571490 from the interested bidders for leasing of Cafeteria inside the Newly Constructed Building at MM Hills, Hanur taluk.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) IS INVITED FOR PRE-QUALIFIED OF WORK FROM ELIGIBLE CONTRACTORS/FIRMS ALONG WITH CONSORTIUM FOR FROM THE INTERESTED BIDDERS FOR LEASING OF CAFETERIA INSIDE THE NEWLY CONSTRUCTED BUILDING AT MM HILLS, HANUR TALUK CHAMARAJANAGARA DISTRICT.

Salient features of the work :

Sl. No.	Item	Brief Particulars
1.	Name of Assignment	Providing TURN KEY BASIS for the interested bidders for leasing of Cafeteria inside the Newly Constructed Building at MM Hills, Hanur taluk, Chamarajanagara district, Karnataka state.
2.	Scope of work	The interested bidders for leasing of Cafeteria inside the Newly Constructed Building at MM Hills, Hanur taluk, Chamarajanagara district, Karnataka state documents are uploaded.
3.	Last date of submission of EOI with all necessary required document	08-08-2022 upto 4.00 pm
4.	Date of Opening EOI	12-08-2022 at 4.00 pm pr at any time in working days

NOTE :
1. The under signed as got authority to accept or reject the EOI without assigning any reasons.
2. Further details may be obtained from the office of the Secretary, Sri Malai Mahadeshwara Swamy Kshethra Development Authority, M M Hills.

Sd/- Secretary, Sri Malai Mahadeswara Swamy Kshethra Development Authority, Mahadeswara Hills.

DIPR : CHANAGAR:186:2022-23

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of the Executive Engineer, Bommanahalli Division, Begur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bengaluru - 560068.

No: BBMP/EE/BD/Tend-05/2022-23 **Date: 13-07-2022**

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT) - (SHORT TERM)
(Two Cover Tender) (Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)

Executive Engineer, Bommanahalli Division, BBMP, Bengaluru - 560068 invites tenders from eligible Contractors registered in BBMP or equivalent registration with KPWD / CPWD / BWSSB / MES / Railways / National Highway or any State Government Organizations for the works detailed below.

(Standard Tender Document - KW-4)

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Approx. Value of Work (Rs. in Crores)	EMD in Lakhs (One Lakh to be transferred through e-Portal & Remaining Amount to be provided in the form of BG/DD/FDR)
1	**Package - 1 - BZ - BD - (W-174):** Comprehensive Development of Roads, Drains Culverts and Bridges in HSR Layout Sector 4, 6, 7 and Surrounding Areas in Ward No. 174 HSR Layout & Development of Parks in HSR Layout Ward No. 174	18.00	18.00
2	**Package - 2 - BZ - BD - (W-174):** Comprehensive Development of Roads, Drains Culverts and Bridges in HSR Layout Sector 1, 2, 3 and Surrounding Areas in Ward No. 174 HSR Layout.	15.00	15.00
3	**Package - 3 - BZ - BD - (W-190):** Comprehensive Development of Roads & Drains in Mangammana Palya and Surrounding Areas in Ward No. 190	10.00	10.00
4	**Package - 4 - BZ - BD - (W-191):** Comprehensive Development of Roads and Drains in Singasandra and Surrounding Areas in Ward No. 191	10.00	10.00
5	**Package - 5 - BZ - BD - (W-190 & 191):** Comprehensive Development of Roads and Drains in Ward No. 190 and 191 Surrounding Areas.	10.00	10.00
6	**Package - 6 - BZ - BD - (W-175):** Comprehensive Development of Roads and Drains in Ward No. 175, Bommanahalli and Surrounding Areas.	10.00	10.00
7	**Package - 7 - BZ - BD - (W-188):** Comprehensive Development of Roads and Drains in Ward No. 188, Bilekhalli and Surrounding Areas.	10.00	10.00
8	**Package - 8 - BZ - BD - (W-189):** Comprehensive Development of Roads and Drains in right hand side of Begur Main Road and Surrounding Areas in Ward No. 189, Hongasandra.	10.00	10.00
9	**Package - 9 - BZ - BD - (W-189):** Comprehensive Development of Roads and Drains in left hand side of Begur Main Road, Garvebhavipalya, Surrounding Areas in Ward No. 189, Hongasandra.	10.00	10.00
10	**Package - 10 - BZ - BD - (W-175 & 188):** Comprehensive Development of Roads and Drains in Ward No. 175 & 188 and Vijaya Bank Colony Surrounding Areas.	10.00	10.00
11	**Package - 11 - BZ - BD - (W-175 & 188):** Comprehensive Development of Roads and Drains in Ward No. 175 & 188 and BTM 4th Stage BDA Layout Surrounding Areas.	10.00	10.00
12	**Package - 12 - BZ - BD - (W-186):** Comprehensive Development of Roads and Drains in Ward No. 186, Jaraganahalli and Surrounding Areas and Footpath Development Works in Bommanahalli Constituency.	10.00	10.00
13	**Package - 13 - BZ - BD - (W-187):** Comprehensive Development of Roads and Drains in Ward No. 187, Puttenahalli and Surrounding Areas.	10.00	10.00
14	**Package - 14 - BZ - BD - (W-193):** Comprehensive Development of Roads and Drains in Ward No. 193, Arakere and Surrounding Areas.	12.00	12.00

Calendar of Events: 1) The tender documents may be downloaded from the GOK e-Procurement Portal Website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in from 16-07-2022. 2)** Pre Bid Meeting will be held on **20-07-2022 at 11.00 AM at the Office of the Executive Engineer, Bommanahalli Division, Begur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bengaluru - 560068. 3)** Last Date for Submission of Tender Documents **on or before 16.00 Hrs. on 25-07-2022. 4)** Technical / Financial Bids will be Opened on **26-07-2022 after 16.30 Hrs. onwards at the Office of the Executive Engineer, Bommanahalli Division.** Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Bommanahalli Division, BBMP.

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Residents of Beesanagadde village in Shivamogga marooned again

Situation in the village is worse this year owing to faulty construction of road

SATHISH G. T.
TADAGALALE (SHIVAMOGGA)

Torrential rains and swollen Varada river have turned Beesanagadde village in Sagar taluk of Shivamogga into an island. Residents of 28 houses in the village have lost access to the outer world as their settlement is surrounded by water.

Sagar taluk administration has arranged a boat for the residents of Beesanagadde, surrounded by water, to commute to their destinations. (Below) Children going to school wearing raincoats at Kanale in Sagar taluk. • PRAKASH HASSAN

To hospital amidst rain

Lakshmamma, 60, of the village needed to visit hospital on Wednesday and crossed the water with the help of a fibre coracle and reached Tadagalale a neighbour village, from where her relative Nagaraj took her to Sagar by a two-wheeler, amidst heavy rains. "The taluk administration has provided us with boats, but there are no trained people to propel them," said Nagaraj.

For decades, the people of Beesanagadde have been facing this problem. Every year their paddy fields and areca plantations get submerged in water. This year, their problem intensified due to construction of a road connecting Tadagalale and Beesanagadde without enough vents for the free flow of water.

Road without ducts

"The road was constructed with ducts for flow of water only at two places. The estimation of the project and construction was done in summer, when there was no water. Now we are facing the problem," said Ramesh, a resident of the village.

Because of the road, the water level has increased by about three feet, compared to the last year. "Earlier, somehow we could manage to walk through the water. But not now, as the water level is so high that we cannot walk," said Keshav, also a local resident. The village has a primary school. The students of high schools and colleges have to reach Tadagalale and Sagar. For the past five days it has been tough for them to reach the college.

In the past, the administration had proposed to shift the villagers to a safer place. However, the residents refused to move out leaving their place and farms. "There is no threat to our lives here. We have our houses and farms in the village. We want the government to make proper arrangements for commuting. And, at the earliest, the administration should make arrangements of health services in the village," said Ramesh.

Sagar Taluk Panchayat Executive Officer Pushpa M. Kammar visited the spot on Wednesday. Interacting with the villagers, the officer asked them to shift to a safe place. She also assured them arrangements for a vehicle to take them to Sagar once they crossed the water body.

To safer place

"We are aware of the problem and making efforts to resolve it. At the moment, we are concerned about their safety and making arrangements in this regard," she told *The Hindu*. The villagers want the elected representatives visit the place and take up a project to construct a road with enough space for the water flow.

₹500 crore to be released for restoring infrastructure in rain-hit areas, says CM

Priority will be given to repairing roads and power lines: Bommai

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MANGALURU

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said on Wednesday that the government would soon release ₹500 crore to restore public infrastructure damaged in heavy rains and floods across Karnataka.

Speaking to mediapersons after a meeting with officials, MLAs, MLCs, and other public representatives of Dakshina Kannada, Udupi, and Uttara Kannada districts in Udupi on Wednesday, the Chief Minister said that the priority of the government was to restore damaged roads, small bridges and culverts, and make them motorable at the earliest.

Fallen and damaged electricity poles and power supply lines would be restored using this fund. Additional funds would be released after reviewing the rain and flood situation in August.

Mr. Bommai said that Karnataka would seek funds from the Union government under NDRF after collating all data related to rain and flood-related damage in districts across the State.

Basavaraj Bommai interacting with the fishing community at Maravanthe in Udupi on Wednesday. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Officials, NDRF, SDRF teams, district administrations and legislators were ready to take up relief works on a war footing.

Last year, ₹1,600 crore was paid within a month to farmers to compensate for the crop loss on 14 lakh hectares. This year too compensation would be released immediately, he said.

Mysuru, Dakshina Kannada, Kodagu, and Udupi districts and the Karwar region received heavy rains in July. So far 32 people had died, five were missing, 34 people had been injured, around 300 people had been shifted to safer places, 14 care centres had been opened, four NDRF and SDRF teams had been deployed for rescue and relief works in these regions.

The Chief Minister said that for crop loss, NDRF had fixed an input subsidy of ₹6,800 per hectare for dry land crops. However, the State government was paying ₹13,600 per hectare. For wetland crops ₹25,000 would be paid per hectare as against the input subsidy of ₹13,500 fixed by the Union government. For horticultural crops, the Union government was providing an input subsidy of ₹18,000 per hectare, while the State government was giving ₹28,000 per hectare to help the farmers, Mr. Bommai said.

Though NDRF norms prescribe ₹3,200 compensation for house collapse as an immediate relief, the State government was giving ₹10,000. Damage to houses had been categorised as A, B, and C according to the extent of damage. For category A, ₹5 lakh was being provided as compensation for completely destroyed houses and ₹3 lakh was being given for B category of extensively damaged houses and ₹50,000 was being granted for category C, of partially destroyed houses. The amounts were far above the sum fixed by the Union government at₹95,000 for category A and B, and ₹5,000 for category C, the Chief Minister added.

Two persons washed away in Cauvery

Bharachukki, Hogenakkal waterfalls declared out of bounds for visitors

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MYSURU

Two persons were washed away in the Cauvery waters in separate incidents reported at Krishnaraja Sagar (KRS) and Sangama in Srirangapatna during the last 24 hours while the Chamarajanagar district adminsitration has decided to keep Bharachukki and Hogenakkal waterfalls out of bounds for the general public as a precautionary measure.

The police said that a youth, a resident of Paduvarahalli in Mysuru, who visited KRS along with his friends to watch the spectacle of water gushing out of the crest gates on Tuesday, was swept away in the currents when he jumped into the river a few hundred metres away from the reservoir. His body is yet to be found, according to officials from KRS police station, where a complaint has been lodged. Similarly, another youth from Bengaluru, who was on a visit to Sangam, the confluence of two branches of Cauvery at Srirangapatna, was swept away in the waters when he decided to step into the river for a bath on Wednesday.

Srirangapatna Town police said the youth was part of a family from Bengaluru, which was visiting Srirangapatna. Search is under way for him, the police added. It may be mentioned here that a large number of visitors have been flocking to different waterbodies along the Cauvery river since Monday to catch a glimpse of the large quantities of water after the reservoirs reached the brim and the authorities began discharging water from them.

Meanwhile, the Chamarajanagar district administration has decided to keep the Bharachukki waterfalls in Kollegal taluk and Hogenakkal water falls in Hanur taluk temporarily out of bounds for the general public.

The decision has been taken in view of the rising water level in the Cauvery and Kabini following heavy rainfall. Chamarajanagar Deputy Commissioner Charulatha Somal said that the decision to bar entry of the general public to the waterfalls at Bharachukki and at Hogenakkal, besides Wesley bridge, also in Kollegal, had been taken as a precautionary measure.

The waterbodies in Chamarajanagar district too had begun drawing a lot of visitors ever since the authorities began discharging water from KRS and Kabini reservoirs after Wayanad region in Kerala and Kodagu district in the State witnessed copious rainfall leading to filling of Kabini and KRS.

While the Water Resources Department authorities released more than 53,300 cusecs of water from KRS on Wednesday morning, which had been brought down to about 33,600 cusecs by Wednesday evening, the discharge of water from Kabini reservoir was around 38,000 cusecs on Wednesday.

Loan app harassment: Techie loses ₹45 lakh

Police say it was difficult to track the accused as they got the SIM using fake IDs

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Borrowing ₹12,500 from a mobile loan app proved costly for a 40-year-old engineer who was forced to pay ₹45 lakh over the last 1.3 years. The victim, Potta Anand Kumar, borrowed ₹12,500 in April 2021 and ended up paying ₹12,328 every day for the last one year and three months.

In his complaint, Mr. Kumar, a resident of Hulimavu, said that he borrowed the loan in April 2021 during the COVID-19 lockdown when he was unemployed. The victim said that he had repaid ₹24,000 along with the interest within a week. Despite the repayment, Mr. Kumar started getting threat calls from different numbers and was being abused regularly demanding to pay more money.

The caller even accessed the list of his contacts and started sending them messages and blackmailed him with the morphed pictures of his wife, he alleged. They threatened to upload it on social media if the money was not paid and forced him to transfer as much as ₹45 lakh online to different accounts till recently, he said in his complaint.

Despite this, when the calls demanding more money increased, Mr. Kumar approached the south east division cyber crime police and filed a complaint recently.

Based on the complaint, the police are trying to track down the callers through the mobile numbers and bank account details provided .

Cases of loan app harassment are on the rise as it is difficult to track down the accused who have availed the SIM through fake IDs and are using the bank account of people from remote villages in north eastern states. They offer these account holders a little money every month, a police officer probing the case said.

In a similar case, a 27-year-old doctor from a well-known hospital complained to the north east division cyber crime police that she was being harassed despite repaying double the amount of loan she had borrowed.

The victim, Keerthana R., from Kodigehalli said that she had borrowed ₹3 lakh loan in March this year and repaid ₹6 lakh so far. Even then, she had been getting calls demanding more money and was being threatened with morphed pictures to be circulated to her contact list, she alleged. The accused had accessed her data on her phone after she had downloaded the loan app on her mobile phone.

Timings
BENGALURU

THURSDAY, JUL. 14	
RISE 06:01	SET 18:50
RISE 19:44	SET 06:19
FRIDAY, JUL. 15	
RISE 06:01	SET 18:50
RISE 20:39	SET 07:26
SATURDAY, JUL. 16	
RISE 06:01	SET 18:50
RISE 21:29	SET 08:29

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
Tumakuru	29	23
Mysuru	29	20
Bengaluru	24	20

Bengaluru Today
28°C A comfortable but humid weather to prevail. Night will be pleasant. Chances of light rain and thundershower at some places.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
28°C The weather will be mostly dry. Day will be comfortable but humid. Night will be pleasant.

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Water adalat

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

The Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) will hold water adalat on Thursday between 9.30 a.m. and 11 a.m. in the following sub divisions: (East-2)-3, (East-1)-2, (South-2), (South East-4), (West-2), (South West-2), (South East-2), (North West-3), (Central -2), (North -2), (North East-1), and (North Village-1)

According to a BWSSB release, the adalat is being held to settle the grievances connected to water billing, delay in providing water supply and sanitary connections, delay in converting from domestic connection to non domestic connection and other related issues. For any problems regarding the water supply, consumers can contact helpline number 1916 and WhatsApp at 8762228888. They can also utilise this adalat facilities to resolve their problems regarding water supply, the release stated.

Rural Drinking Water and Sanitation Department
Office of the Executive Engineer,
Rural Drining Water & Sanitation Department,
Chickballapur Division, Chickballapura. Phone:08156-270058
E-mail-id:eerdwsd.ckb2@gmail.com
No.: EE/RDW&SD/CBP/AE-2/2022-23 Date:08.07.2022

Tender Notification No.:06/2022-23/Call-2
Date: 08.07.2022

Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water and Sanitation Division, Chikkaballapur, On behalf of Governor of Karnataka Invites request for proposal of tenders from the eligible bidders for the work of Providing FHTC's to 05 Villages in Chikkaballapur Taluk Chickballapur District. Two Cover tender procedure as per rule 28 of the KTPP act shall be followed. The tenderers are quired to submit (Under KW-III) tenders through E-Procurement portal **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** **(1)** Downloading of document through e-portal: **08.07.2022 to 15.07.2022 up to 5.30 PM (2)** Last Date & Time for Receipt of Bids: **15.07.2022 Time: 5.30 PM (3)** Date & Time of Technical Bid Opening: **17.07.2022 Time:11.00 AM. (4)** Date & Time of Financial Bid Opening: **18.07.2022 Time:11.00 AM.** More details can be had from the office of the undersigned and also through **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** by clicking list of Tenders which will link to all Dept. works list.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, RDW&S Division, Chikkaballapur

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BEFORE THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - I AT BANGALORE
JEEVAN MANGAL Building, No. 4, 1st Floor, Residency Road, Bangalore.
O.A. No. 883/2020
Between :
Punjab National Bank,
(erstwhile Oriental Bank Of Commerce),
Circle SASTRA Bangalore East,
Raheja Towers First Floor, 26-27,
M.G.Road, Bangalore-560001
Represented by its Chief Manager Sri.V.S.Sundara raman
Applicant
And
1.Sri.Dinesh Paliwal,
2.Sri.Ram Gopal,
3.Sri.Praveen Paliwal,
Defendants

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23(VII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993.

To:
1.Sri.Dinesh Paliwal,
Aged about 38 years,
Son of Sri.Ramgopal
Prop: M/s Jai Ambeyma Enterprises
No. 51&52, Near Govt School,
Kalkere Horamavu Main Road,
Bangalore-560043.
2.Sri.Ram Gopal, Major
Son of Sri.Surajal Mal.G.
3.Sri.Praveen Paliwal, Major
Son of Sri.Ram Gopal Paliwal,
Both 2 and 3 are residing at NRI Layout, Phase -2, 2nd Cross,Left Side 1st House, Near Jublee College, Kalkere Ramamurthy Nagar, Bangalore-560043

Whereas the applicant has instituted an application under section 19 of the Recovery of debts due to Banks and recovery of a sum of **Rs. 26,68,059.61 (Rupees Twenty six lakhs sixty eight thousand fifty nine and sixty one paise only)** together with Current and For other relief's.

The above mentioned defendant is therefore Hereby directed to appear before the tribunal in person of through an Advocate or duly authorized Agent, in support of the defense to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or on Day of **25-10-2022 at 11.00 A.M.** as to why relief prayed for should not be granted. Take Notice that in case of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THIS TRIBUNAL ON THIS THE **10TH DAY OF JUNE 2022.**

Sd/-
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-I
BANGALORE-560001

RAJIV GANDHI UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES, KARNATAKA
4th 'T' Block, Jayanagara, Bengaluru – 560 041, Ph No.080-26961928 Fax-080-26961929

No: RGUHS/AFF/CoE/Dental /2022-23 Date: 05.07.2022

NOTIFICATION

Inviting applications for Fresh/ Additional course (PG) / Increase in intake (UG & PG) of affiliation of Dental Courses under RGUHS for the Academic Year 2023-24

1	**Fresh courses / Additional Courses / Increase in intake:** Applications are invited from eligible and interested institutions/ organizations for fresh course/additional courses (PG) /increase in intake (UG & PG) for the academic year 2023-24.
2	The academic year for which the institutions can apply for Fresh/ Additional course /Increase intake are given in the following table.
3	The institutions shall submit the applications along with processing fee of Rs.25,000/- only (For fresh and increase in intake applications).
4	The affiliation fee shall not be paid at the time of submission of applications for fresh and increase in intake
5	After scrutiny of the applications, the University will send the communication to the verified and accepted colleges. Then the colleges shall pay the remaining affiliation fee deducting processing fee within the last date prescribed. The processing fee of colleges without proper documentation will be forfeited.
6	**Calendar of events for Fresh/Additional Course/ Increase in intake:**

(a)	Availability of application forms in RGUHS website: www.rguhs.ac.in	07.07.2022
(b)	Last date of submission of duly filled in application form (Two copies) along with the soft copy in PenDrive (In single PDF file) and online receipt of processing fee-paid to the Registrar, RGUHS in person.	27.07.2022
(c)	Last date for Scrutiny of the applications	02.08.2022
(d)	Intimation shall be sent to the colleges to pay the processing fee	12.08.2022
(e)	Payment of affiliation fee by colleges	18.08.2022
(f)	An endorsement shall be given to the colleges which are failed to submit the relevant documents	18.08.2022
(g)	Formation of LIC Teams	22.08.2022
(h)	Conduct of LIC inspections and submission of Reports	06.09.2022
(i)	Placing the reports of LIC inspections before AC/CAC/ Syndicate	13.09.2022
(j)	Last date for submission of proposals to Govt / Issue of Orders	20.09.2022

7	The details of the courses offered by RGUHS and Application form are available on RGUHS official website : www.rguhs.ac.in

For further details visit **www.rguhs.ac.in**

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Sd/-
Registrar

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Police finally act on death threat to writers; SP-rank officer to probe

It's evident that the same person has been writing the letters to the writers: Police

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The Karnataka police have appointed a Superintendent of Police (SP)-rank officer to coordinate probe into at least 19 death threat letters that seven writers have received since April, 2022.

The move came after *The Hindu* reported on how the writers were baffled at police inaction, even refusing to file FIRs when the death threat letters were brought to their notice.

Vasundhara Bhupati, B.K. Hariprasad, and Banjagere Jayaprakash. • FILE PHOTOS

Same author

"It is evident that the same person has been writing these threat letters to all the writers. There were some lapses, though investigations were already under way and now it will be done in a more co-ordinated fashion," said a senior police officer, who refused to be named.

The letter writer who signs off as "Sahishnu Hindu" (tolerant Hindu) has written 19 death threat letters to seven writers terming their stances "anti-hindu", including six letters to Kum. Veerabhadrappa and five to Banjagere Jayaprakash. He has listed 61 writers, who signed an open letter to the Chief Minister during the hijab controversy and Leaders of the Opposition Siddaramaiah, H. D. Kumaraswamy and B.K. Hariprasad, as targets in most letters.

Following Home Minister Araga Jnanendra reportedly pulling up the State police over lapses, especially in filing FIRs, police have swung into action and registered an FIR in Basaveshwaranagar based on the complaint by writer Vasundhara Bhupati on Wednesday.

Ms. Bhupati, who had received a death threat letter at her residence on July 2, had lodged a complaint with Basaveshwaranagar police, who refused to file a FIR, but only filed a non-cognizable report. "On Wednesday morning, I got a message on my phone that a FIR has been registered on my complaint and shortly later, two policemen came to my house and put up a police beat point and assured of security. Better late than never," she said.

The Basaveshwaranagar have booked the letter writer under Section 507 of Indian Penal code (Criminal intimidation by an anonymous communication). Two FIRs had already been registered at the Sanjay Nagar police station based on complaints by former Minister B.T. Lalitha Naik. However, no FIRs have been registered over similar threat letters to other writers in the State, yet. "It is evident that the same person is writing all the letters. The investigation has been streamlined, and we are confident of nabbing the culprit soon," a senior official said.

Social evils will take time to go, have patience: RSS chief to seers

'Untouchability, disharmony big problems of Hindu society'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
HUBBALLI

Acknowledging untouchability, disharmony and inequality as big problems of Hindu society, Sarasanghachalak of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh Mohan Bhagwat has said that it would take time for solving these problems, and until that happens, patience and courage were required.

Mr. Bhagwat, who took part in an interaction with 21 religious heads of Dalit and backward classes at Sri Shivasarana Madara Channayya Gurupeetha in Chitradurga on Tuesday, said that the problems of untouchability, disharmony and inequality were not in the Shastras but "in our minds" for several centuries.

"So the solution will take time as it has to be removed from the minds. Until then we must have patience and courage. That will happen. And we are busy doing that," he told the religious heads.

"It is the duty of Hindu society to keep all the sections of the society in good condition. Meeting again and again will set it right. This is called Samarasata. The RSS is trying to do the same," he said, emphasising the need for frequent interaction between members of RSS and religious heads from the dalit and backward communities.

RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat being welcomed by Sri Basavamurthy Madara Channaiah Swami and other seers in Chitradurga on Tuesday. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

For "Bharat to remain as Bharat", one has to retain one's identity and 'Dharma' should be everywhere. In order to retain one's identity preventing religious conversions was also crucial, he said.

He further promised the seers, "Come what may, Sangha is with you. The pace may be slow. If you go slow, you can go a long distance. Make an effort to get to know the Sangh. We all are an integral part of Hindu society."

Basavamurthy Madar Channaiah Swami said that it was the task of the government to take all along with it. During the interaction the issue of giving justifiable reservation to every community was deliberated upon, the swami said.

Foundation for nano urea plant to be laid today

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Shortage of urea in southern States is expected to be handled in about 15 months from now as foundation for the South India's first IFFCO nano urea (liquid) manufacturing will be laid at Naganayakanahalli near Devanahalli on Thursday.

The plant being set up by IFFCO on 12 acres of land in Hi-Tech Defence and Aerotech Park near Devanahalli will have the capacity to manufacture five crore bottles of nano urea which is equivalent of five crore bags of urea accounting for 22.5 lakh tonnes.

This is almost 50% demand of the southern States that consume nearly 50 lakh tonnes of urea annually, says C. Narayanaswamy, State marketing head of IFFCO. He says this would also reduce soil acidification due to indiscriminate use of conventional urea.

Supporters now want 'Shivakumarotsava', but KPCC chief says 'no'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

As loyalists of former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah are making preparations for his 75th birthday event on August 3 at Davangere, some supporters of KPCC president D.K. Shivakumars have written to the committee members of the event to also organise "Shivakumarotsava" on the lines of "Siddaramotsava" to honour the service of the KPCC president to the party.

D.K. Shivakumar

Mr. Shivakumar's supporter and KPCC media coordinator, J.C. Raju, has written to the committee demanding that they also organise "Shivakumarotsava".

Reacting to the letter by his loyalist, the seven-time MLA and former Minister Mr. Shivakumar said: "I don't want any utsava. For my birthday many supporters wanted to give advertisements, but I said no. We must not worship any individual, we must worship our party. My aim is to bring Congress back to power in the State." This is being seen as an oblique dig at the birthday event being organised in honour of Mr. Siddaramaiah.

The KPCC chief said he visited Kedarnath temple and celebrated his birthday last time. "Mr. Raju has expressed his personal view and I will not endorse it," he said. Mr. Shivakumar, who is also eyeing the CM's post if the party comes to power, is said to be not comfortable with the event, though he said he would take part in it.

Former Minister R.V. Deshpande is honorary president of the committee of the event, which is seen as a show of strength by Mr. Siddaramaiah ahead of the 2023 State Assembly elections.

Letters to Sonia, Rahul

A gram panchayat member in Nagamangala taluk, Mr. Raju in his letter, said, "I appeal to the committee to propose the Shivakumarotsava 23 event." The letter has been sent to Congress president Sonia Gandhi, MP Rahul Gandhi, Mr. Siddaramaiah, and State Congress in charge Randeep Singh Surjewala, urging them to support in conducting the "Shivakumarotsava".

'Only those in lawful possession can complain against trespass'

Criminal trespass is interplay between civil right and crime: HC

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

A complaint of criminal trespass made by a person not having lawful possession of the property is not maintainable in law, the High Court of Karnataka has said.

Observing that Section 447 (criminal trespass) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) as defined under Section 441 of the IPC is an interplay between a civil right and a crime, the court said that Section 447 hinges upon the complainant being in possession of the property.

Justice M. Nagaprasanna made these observations while allowing a petition filed by Shivaswamy and four others questioning the criminal proceedings initiated against them based on a complaint lodged by one P.C. Leelavathi. She had alleged that they had trespassed and damaged properties owned by her.

The court, from the records, found that the property, which the complainant claimed belonged to her, was acquired by the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) in favour of NTI Housing Cooperative Society in 1980s. And the petitioners had purchased the sites formed on the properties through the society during 2013. It was also found from the records that the High Court had upheld the acquisition in favour of the society and the possession of the properties, situated in survey number 11 of Kodigehalli village, were handed over to the society in 2003 by BDA.

If possession is not with the complainant, she can hardly contend that the accused have trespassed the property of the complainant, the court said while pointing out that there can be no allegation of criminal trespass into such property, in which accused themselves are in possession.

On such a premise, if further proceedings are permitted to continue against the petitioners, even though the charge sheet has been filed by the police, would become an abuse of the process of law and result in miscarriage of justice, the court said while quashing the complaint and the charge sheet.

Devanur's book on RSS to be translated into five languages

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

A slim book by well-known writer Devanur Mahadeva, which takes a critical look at the ideology of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) titled "RSS: Aala Mattu Agala", has not only sold over 40,000 copies in record time but is also now ready for translation into five languages: Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, Hindi, and English.

The cover of the book.

The book has also reinvented the publishing model in Kannada, creating a new enthusiasm in the sector, which had taken a beating during the pandemic over the last two years. Mr. Mahadeva does not claim copyright over the book and till date six publishers have brought out the book and priced it at ₹40.

"The response to the book can probably only be described as a phenomenon. Till date, the publishers have sold over 40,000 copies. We have sold 12,000 copies ourselves," said Guruprasad D.N. of Gauri Media Trust. More reprints are in the pipeline and industry insiders say the book may cross the one lakh mark in the coming months. "There have been many enquiries from other languages for translation and most of them have already been fixed and work is underway. Publishers in Telugu, Tamil, Malayalam, and English have come forward and translations are underway," he said.

The 64-page book, as Mr. Mahadeva puts it in the preface to the book, is an attempt to "critically observe the true nature and objective of RSS and place it before the people." He says the book is an attempt to present to people "the difference in the perception of the organisation and its true colours."

In the book, Mr. Mahadeva identifies what he calls three ideological planks of RSS - imposing Varnashrama Dharma and Manusmriti, Aryan supremacy, and destruction of the Constitution of India and federalism.

He argues that the recent textbook revision and Anti-conversion Bill by the State government are steps towards imposing these ideological paradigms on society.

Applications invited

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Maharani Cluster University has invited applications for admission to various combinations of first degree for the academic year 2022-23.

According to an official press release, students who have passed the PU examinations can submit online applications in the UUCMS software. Students are also allowed to apply directly through the helpdesks established in the University, the release said.

More details on Maharani Cluster University website http://mcu.karnataka.gov.in

Two-day workshop for Ministers from other States

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The Union Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare will organise a two-day national workshop for agriculture and horticulture Ministers from different States from July 14 in Bengaluru.

Platinum jubilee

The workshop, which will be held in the presence of Union Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Minister Narendra Singh Tomar, Ministers of State Shobha Karandlaje and Kailash Chaudhary, is being organised to mark the platinum jubilee of the country's Independence.

Nine themes

The workshop will focus on various issues including marketing with the help of digital platform. In all, discussions would be focused on nine broad technical themes, according to an official release.

Congress seeks probe into recruitments made by BJP govt. in State

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The Karnataka Congress on Tuesday placed a demand for five separate probes into recruitments made by the BJP government since it came to power in 2019, including a judicial probe into the PSI scam, for ensuring recruitments are free from corruption and nepotism.

Addressing presspersons in Bengaluru, Priyank Kharge, former Minister and MLA, said the Criminal Investigation Department (CID), which has been investigating the PSI scam, has limited the probe only to Kalaburagi and not other centres.

He wanted to know from the government the time limit prescribed for completion of the probe into the multi-crore scam.

Mr. Kharge urged the government to conduct probes into other recruitments as well, of second division assistants, first division assistants, PWD Department's recruitments, and for police constable jobs.

'Deliberately delayed'

He alleged that CID hushed up a complaint registered in Annapoorneshwarinagar in Bengaluru in the PSI scam. The probe process was deliberately delayed to close the case without punishing anyone in the scam, he alleged.

Though the government has ruled out judicial probe into the scam, the Congress MLA reiterated the demand for a probe by a sitting judge of the High Court of Karnataka.

He also alleged that CID officials are not recording the names of BJP Ministers, leaders, and police officers that IPS officer Amrit Paul wanted to reveal. Mr. Paul, who was arrested and suspended, was heading the recruitment wing when the scam happened in the selection of 545 police sub-inspectors.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public is hereby informed that our client proposes to purchase on an outright basis from the present owners viz **Smt Sujathamma, Smt Kamalamma** daughters of late B S Narayanareddy and Smt Lakshmidevamma wife of Late B S Narayanareddy and their family members ("Owners"), which is morefully set out in the Schedule below and hereinafter referred to as the "Schedule Property".

Any person/s/Company/Government Department/Income Tax Authority/Bank/NBFC having objection/s to the above mentioned transaction or any person/s claiming to have any manner of right, title, interest, claim or demand in relation to Owners and/or the Schedule Property or any part thereof, may lodge his/her/their statement/s, objections/s and/or claim/s in writing, along with documentary evidence in support thereof, with the undersigned, **within 7 (Seven) days** from the date of publication of this notice. In the absence of any genuine and/or rightful objections and/or claims, our client will proceed to finalize and conclude the proposed transaction of purchasing the Schedule Property by way of an outright sale from the Owners, as if no claims or objections/s exist and that they have been consciously waived and abandoned by such person/s forever.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that part and parcel of the **agricultural immovable property bearing Survey No. 25/1 (Old Sy No 25), of Krishnapura Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bagepalli Taluk, Chickballapur District, measuring 11 Acres 20 Guntas along with 3 acres 3 Guntas of "A" Kharab totally measuring 14 Acres 23 Guntas** and bound on:

East by : Sy no 21 of Krishnapura Village
West by : Sy no 37 of Krishnapura Village
North by : Sy no 25/3 of Krishnapura Village
South by : Sy no 26 of Krishnapura Village

Sd/-
Bonny Karyappa, Advocate
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ABSTRACT 'e' TENDER NOTIFICATION

No: KPCL/2022-23/PS/Work_Indent12321/Call-2 Date:11-07-2022
Bids in two covers are invited through 'e' procurement portal https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in for the work of **" Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract of IG-55 Fire protection system installed in Control room, KIOSK-1 & KIOSK-2 & Medium Velocity Water Spray System installed in Mezzanine floor, Barrel floor, Governor floor & Cable galleries of Sharavathy Generating Station"** from reputed bidders with proven track record of successful completion of similar works as specified in pre-qualifying requirements. **EMD:** ₹51,920/-. **Last date & time for receipt of tenders:** 10-08-2022 up to 16:00 hrs. **Date & time of opening the technical bid:** 11-08-2022 at 16:05 hrs. **Further details can be had from the office of:** The Executive Engineer (ODY)Jog, Sharavathi Generating Station KPCL, Jog Falls-577435, Sagar Taluk, Shivamogga District. Phone:08186-244606 Mobile: 9449598803

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General public are hereby notified that our clients have agreed to purchase the schedule property from It's Owners **1. UMESH S. KULKARNI 2.RAMESH S. KULKARNI** Both are sons of Late. S.K.Kulkarni both are residing at Old No.65, New No.89A, 9th Main, opp Shankambari Temple, Shakambari nagar, JP Nagar Post, Bengaluru-560078 The Owner representing that they are the Absolute Owners of the schedule property and good marketable, right title and interest therein.

Apart from the above owners if any person has any manner of claim, right, title, interest or nature in or over the Schedule property or any part thereof, the same shall be filed with undersigned with supporting documents within 14 (Fourteen) Days from the date of this notice. objections and are the claims received after expiry of the stipulated time will not be binding on our clients and our clients will proceed with the sale transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of property bearing New Municipal Khata No.89A, situated at 9th Main Road, Shakambari Nagar, presently within the limits of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike ward No.179, having old PID No.57-275-89A and New PID No.179-W0120-21 formaly Site Nos. 68/B & 89/A, carved out of land bearing Sy No. 58/3A & 58/2 of Sarakki Site Nos. 68.B and 89/A carved out of Sy No.58/3A and 58h of Sarakki Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk Bengaluru Measuring East to West on the Northern side 36feet, on the Southern side 36 feet and North to South the Eastern side : 65 feet and Western side : 58 feet in all measuring 2214 Square feet anlong with building thereon and bounded as follows

East by: Property bearing No.68/A, West by: Property bearing No.89/B, North by: Road, South by: Property bearing No.69 & 70.

Sd/- **Ajay Kumar N**
for ISHA LAW CHAMBERS LLP
No.101, 4th Floor, Sri Manjunatha Complex,BSK 2nd Stage, Opp Banashankari BDA Complex, Bengaluru

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client has negotiated to purchase the property, which is more fully described in the Schedule below from its Owner Mr. Coona Sunderaj Ramprlyadas, son of Late Coona Krishnaswamy Sunderaj, No. N-4, Nandana Apartments, Lakshmi puram, Mysore - 570 004.

Any person/s having any right, title, interest, lien, charge or claim whatsoever in, upon or to the Schedule property or to any portion thereof, by way of any easement or under agreements, arrangements, lease, trust, inheritance, gift, partition, bequest, possession, mortgage, exchange or under his,/her/its/ their objection/s claim/s, in writing to me at the under mentioned address, through Registered Post, along with the supporting documentary evidence, within FIFTEEN days of the issuance of this notice, failing which, my client will proceed on the basis that there are no claims over the schedule property.

SCHEDULE

All that the property presently bearing municipal no. 77, constructed on site bearing No. 77, allotted by the Bangalore Development Authority, situated at 1st Block, Koramangala, Ward No. 68, Bengaluru, PID No. 68-1-77, measuring East to West : 63 Feet and North to South : 40 Feet, in all measuring 2520 square feet, consisting of Ground and First Floors and bounded as follows :

ON THE EAST : Property bearing No. 10 ; WEST : Road; NORTH : Property bearing No. 76; SOUTH : Property bearing No. 78;

(K.S.MADANA GOPAL) Advocate, No. 1, Ground Floor, Royal Park, No.34, Park Road Bengaluru-560 051 Ph : 080-22864065
Date : 13-07-2022, Bengaluru

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
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ಅ) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಕೆ ಪ್ರಾರಂಭ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 14-07-2022 ರಂದು 16.00** ಗಂಟೆಯಿಂದ. ಆ) ಇ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 28-07-2022 16.00** ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ. ಇ) ಟೆಕ್ನಿಕಲ್ ಬಿಡ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 29-07-2022ರ 16.00** ಗಂಟೆಗೆ. ಈ) ಹಣಕಾಸು ಬಿಡ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 01-08-2022 ರಂದು 11.30** ಗಂಟೆಗೆ.

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ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ
(ಇ-ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ (E-Proc) ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಮಾತ್ರ)

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಅಧ್ಯಾಪಾಲರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಸ್ಟ್ಯಾಂಡರ್ಡ್ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯುಮೆಂಟ್ ನಿಬಂಧನೆಗಳಕ್ಕನುಗುಣವಾಗಿ, ಜೆ.ಜೆ.ಎಂ. ಯೋಜನೆಯಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮಡಿಕೇರಿ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನ ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಇ-ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಕರೆಯಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಆಸಕ್ತ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಇ-ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ವೇದಿಕೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅವಶ್ಯಕತೆ ಮಾಡಲು ಕೋರಿದೆ.

ಕ್ರ. ಸಂ.	ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಹೆಸರು	ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ (ರೂ. ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಲ್ಲಿ)
1.	**ಪ್ಯಾಕೆಜ್-28:** ನೋಮವಾರಪೇಟೆ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನ ಕೊಡ್ಲಿಪೇಟೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಐದೂರು ಜನವಸತಿಗಳಲ್ಲಿನ ಮನೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಎಚ್.ಹೆಚ್.ಟಿ.ಸಿ. ಒದಗಿಸುವುದು – ಪ್ಯಾಕ್ -2(2ನೇ ಕರೆ)	498.61
2.	**ಪ್ಯಾಕೆಜ್-29:** ನೋಮವಾರಪೇಟೆ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನ ಸುಂಟಿಕೊಪ್ಪ ನಾರ್ಗಾಣೆ (ಪ್ಯಾಕ್-2) ಹಾಗೂ ಬಲಮುರಿ (ಪ್ಯಾಕ್-3), ಜನವಸತಿಗಳಲ್ಲಿನ ಮನೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಎಚ್.ಹೆಚ್.ಟಿ.ಸಿ. ಒದಗಿಸುವುದು	551.88

1. ಭಾಗಿ ಮಾಡಿದ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ದಾರರು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ : 18-07-2022 ರಂದು 5.00 ಗಂಟೆವರೆಗೆ
2. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : 19-07-2022 ರಂದು 5.05 ಗಂಟೆ ನಂತರ

ಸೂಚನೆ : ಇತರೇ ಷರತ್ತು, ಹಾಗೂ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** ನಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಡಬಹುದು.

ಸಹಿ/- ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್, ಗ್ರಾ.ಕು.ನೀ & ನೈ. ವಿಭಾಗ – ಮಡಿಕೇರಿ

IN BRIEF

Rahul pushes for relaxed norms for road scheme

KALPETTA

Wayanad MP Rahul Gandhi has urged the Centre to relax the norms set for the selection of roads under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana III. While the norms stipulated that the length should be preferably not less than 5 km, he said that the PMGSY portal only allowed for the inclusion of candidate roads that were at least 5 km in length, due to which a large number of roads have been rendered ineligible.

Three of a family killed in road accident in Kerala

PATHANAMTHITTA

Three members of a family were killed when two cars collided head-on near Kerala's Adoor on Wednesday. The deceased were identified as Rajashekhara Bhattathiri, 66, his wife and their son, all natives of Madavoor in Thiruvananthapuram. The accident occurred around 6.30 a.m on Main Central (MC) Road. The husband and wife died on the spot while the son died of injuries in a hospital in Kottayam. Four persons in the other car sustained injuries.

Kerala to compensate girl humiliated by Pink Police

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

The Government of Kerala has reportedly decided to pay ₹1.75 lakh to an eight-year-old Dalit girl as compensation for the 'high-handedness' she suffered at the hands of a woman constable in Attingal, Thiruvananthapuram in 2021. The Home Department would order the constable attached to the supposedly women-friendly Pink Police unit to settle the damages. The HC had earlier held that the officer had wronged the girl.

SC may list appeals in hijab case next week

Students have challenged Karnataka HC's verdict that wearing the clothing is not an essential practice

KRISHNADAS RAJAGOPAL
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Wednesday indicated that appeals challenging the Karnataka High Court's conclusion that wearing hijab was not an essential practice in Islam would be listed next week.

A Bench led by Chief Justice of India N.V. Ramana was responding to an oral mentioning made by advocate Prashant Bhushan who said the case had been in limbo for months.

The petitions, filed mostly by affected girl students, raise the question whether the State can interfere if a student wears a hijab to college without causing any harm to others and under the firm belief that it is a part of her religious observance and practice.

The students bring to the fore the issue whether a woman's dignity and the right to access to education should suffer because her dress code cannot be accommodated by the authorities of an educational institution.

The Supreme Court in the S.R. Bommai case of 1994 had observed that "religious freedom is the hallmark of pluralism and inclusiveness". The Constituent Assembly debates note how the establishment of a secular State is an act of faith, the onus on the majority community to show that they could behave towards others in a generous, fair and just way.

The case was repeatedly mentioned in court during March and April for urgent listing. The court had assured that they would be listed. However, the appeals remain to be heard.

This, despite the fact that in February, the top court had assured the students protection of their constitutional rights and intervention at an "appropriate time".

Niha Naaz petition

One of the pending petitions filed by Niha Naaz, represented by Anas Tanwir, had raised the issue of right to privacy. Ms. Naaz had argued that denying Muslim girls like her access to education, and thus, punishing them for wearing hijab to college, was a violation of their right to privacy.

"Freedom of conscience forms a part of the right to privacy," her petition said.

Any infringement of her right to privacy should be on the basis of a valid law, for a legitimate state interest and the law must be proportionate. No law prohibited hijab, she said. Ms. Naaz argued that the High Court judgment had created a "dichotomy of freedom of religion and freedom of conscience".

"This freedom would include the freedom to lawfully express one's identity in the manner of their liking," the student referred to the Supreme Court judgment in Navtej Singh Johar case.

She said that students like her had expected the High Court to quash a State government order of February 5 directing college development committees to prescribe uniforms for them.

She termed the State government's order as as a "ridiculing attack" on Muslim students wearing hijab under the "guise of attaining secularity and equality on the basis of uniform". She said the state could not prescribe uniforms. The law did not require a student to be punished for not wearing a particular uniform.

Heavy rain in Telangana for 3 more days

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD

The weather department has issued a red alert for 11 districts in Telangana warning of heavy to very heavy rain for the next three days.

Forest Minister A. Indrakaran Reddy, who reached the Kadem Narayana Reddy project in the early hours of Wednesday, telephoned Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao and explained the prevailing situation. He also briefed Chief Secretary Somesh Kumar.

Mahaboobsagar overflowing following continuous rain in Sangareddy on Wednesday. • MOHD. ARIF

Heavy rain continued even on Wednesday at several places in the State, and officials are on high alert. Ministers have been camping in the districts and monitoring the situation. Heavy inflows were received at the Sriram Sagar Project (SRSP) in Nizamabad district and Kaddem Naranayana Reddy Project in Adilabad district.

With heavy rain in the catchment areas, four lakh cusecs of floodwater was released from Sriramsagar project into the Godavari, and officials are fearing of more floods from the upstream areas. People in the adjacent areas have been asked to be on high alert and warned not to venture out from villages to graze cattle or sheep. Farmers have been asked not to go for agriculture activities for some more days.

Count potholes on NHs: Riyas

STAFF REPORTER
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Kerala Minister for Public Works P.A. Mohamed Riyas has taken a jab at Union Ministers who visit the State, for failing to take corrective measures to address the pathetic condition of national highways (NHs) in the State. Responding to questions in the Assembly on Wednesday, he said though the issue was raised with a Union Minister several times, no steps had been taken to carry out maintenance works on the roads.

"A lot of Union Ministers visit Kerala. They post photographs of projects which near completion. They should also spend some time in counting the number of potholes on the National Highway stretches in the State. There is a Union Minister who holds daily press conferences. The National Highways have more potholes than the number of his press conferences," said Mr. Riyas. He said that the Union government should carry out maintenance works.

'Plan to construct swimming pool, gym in Gayathri Devi Park is illegal'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

In a setback to the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), the High Court of Karnataka on Wednesday stopped the civic body from going ahead with the construction of a swimming pool and multi gymnasium within Gayathri Devi Park in Prakashnagar.

The court has declared that the plan to put up construction is in violation of Section 8(I) of the Karnataka Parks, Play Fields and Open Spaces (Preservation and Regulation) Act, 1985.

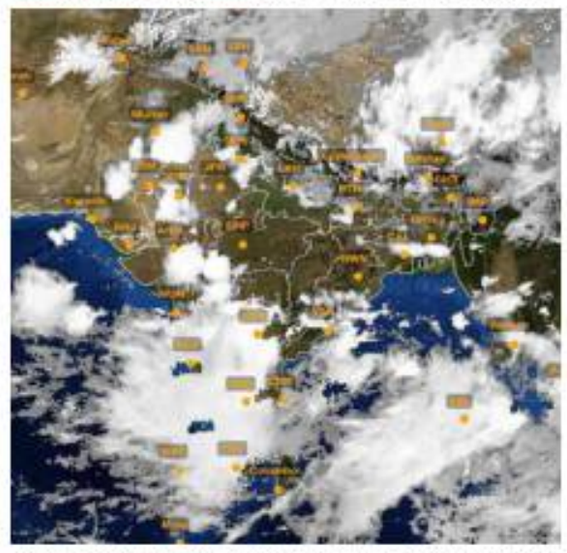
The Section 8(1) of the Act states that no person is entitled to construct any building or put up any structure which is likely to affect the utility of the park unless permission is obtained as per the proviso to Sub-Section (1) of Section 8 of the said Act of 1985.

A Division Bench comprising acting Chief Justice Alok Aradhe and Justice J.M. Khazi passed the order while allowing a PIL petition filed in 2018 by J.Srinivas and three others, all residents of Prakashnagar locality coming under Rajajinagar assembly constituency.

The petitioner had alleged that the BBMP had refused to consider their representation against construction and was going ahead to implement its plan to construct swimming pool, multi gymnasium and other structures at a total cost of ₹6 crore. The court, in September 2019 had restrained the BBMP from putting up construction till the adjudication of the petition.

WEATHER WATCH

RAINFALL, TEMPERATURE & AIR QUALITY IN SELECT METROS YESTERDAY



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: AQICN, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 17.00 HRS)

Forecast for Thursday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Gujarat, Assam, Odisha, Telangana, Madhya Pradesh, central Maharashtra, Konkan & Goa, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Kerala, Mahe and Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Thunderstorm with lightning likely at isolated places over Uttarakhand, Jharkhand, coastal Andhra Pradesh and Karaikal.

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	0.5	36.7	26.6	Kozhikode	16	29.8	24.0
Ahmedabad	5	33.5	25.4	Kurnool	5	26.8	22.5
Aizawl	9	30.0	22.2	Lucknow	–	39.1	30.2
Allahabad	–	39.1	30.0	Madurai	–	36.0	26.4
Bengaluru	1	24.3	19.7	Mangaluru	23	27.4	23.0
Bhopal	26.1	32.3	24.0	Mumbai	45	26.6	25.0
Bhubaneswar	24.2	31.8	26.2	Mysuru	2	27.0	19.2
Chandigarh	–	35.2	28.1	New Delhi	2	37.1	26.8
Chennai	6	35.3	25.9	Patna	–	37.9	27.1
Coimbatore	2	30.4	22.4	Port Blair	23	29.8	22.6
Dehradun	1	32.8	25.2	Puducherry	–	36.4	26.7
Gangtok	1.2	24.2	18.6	Pune	50	22.8	20.5
Goa	17	27.2	24.5	Raipur	24	32.1	25.2
Guwahati	11	37.2	26.8	Ranchi	7	27.6	22.2
Hubballi	–	23.0	21.0	Shillong	–	27.8	18.4
Hyderabad	26	23.8	20.0	Shimla	–	26.5	21.0
Imphal	–	30.3	22.6	Srinagar	–	25.8	18.8
Jaipur	–	34.9	27.6	Thiruvananthapuram	2	30.5	24.2
Kochi	5	27.8	23.2	Tiruchi	–	35.1	27.5
Kohima	–	29.6	17.4	Vijayawada	4	29.2	25.0
Kolkata	22	33.5	27.2	Visakhapatnam	0.8	29.0	25.8

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing — Yesterday

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	11	7	9	71	51	
Bengaluru	4	8	4	122	78	
Chennai	1	–	20	88	93	
Delhi	2	7	14	99	125	
Hyderabad	2	7	3	73	–	–
Kolkata	5	5	3	67	34	
Lucknow	3	20	6	156	79	
Mumbai	19	2	–	70	44	
Pune	–	–	–	–	–	–
Visakhapatnam	8	15	4	72	60	

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ಕೊಪ್ಪಳ.

E-Procuremnent

To avail the outsource Man Power agency for Zilla Panchayat Koppal and Taluk Panchayats office through Short-Term tender. Interested agencies can visit https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in website.
1. Tender issuing authority: **Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayat, Koppal.** 2. Indent of Tender: **To get Manpower through Outsourcing Agency.** 3. Required Manpower: **1.Data Entry Operator -25, 2. Group-D– 22, 3.Drivers - 12.** 4. Estimated Amount (in Lakhs): **Rs. 1.04 Crores.** 5. EMD Amount (in Rs.): **Rs. 2.60 Lakhs.** 6. Commencement date for submission of Tender: **06-07-2022.** 7. Last date for submission of Tender: **15-07-2022.** 8. Opening of filled tenders: **16-07-2022.** 9. Tender receiving authority: **Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayat, Koppal**
Sd/-Deputy Secretary, Zilla Panchayat, Koppal
DIPR/Koppal/225/MCA/2022-23

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(Raichur Thermal Power Station)
CIN: U85110KA1970SGC001919
No.:KPCL/2021-22/EL/WORK_INDENT12010/CALL-4 Dtd:12.07.2022

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through e-procurement portal only) (Two Cover System)
Tenders are invited through GoK e-procurement portal www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in from Manufacturers / Agencies for **"Supply, Testing & Retrofitting of 7 Nos. of 0.2s Class 3Ph, 4 Wire Energy meters with ABT feature having IP & DLMS protocol, time synchronizing with GPS along with accessories for ICTs & STs and Networking & Commissioning with the existing ABT metering Management system at RTPS."** Last Date & Time for Submission of bid (Both Cover 1 &2) : **21.07.2022 upto 17:00 hrs.** All the relevant details of the tenders are available in the above mentioned e-portal. Further details can be had from the office of the **Executive Engineer (GM-2), RTPS, KPCL,** Shaktinagar-584170, Raichur Dist. Mobile No: 9449596534, e-mail : eegm2rtpskpcl@karnataka.gov.in, eegm2.rtps@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that, my clients intend to purchase the Schedule property from its owners: **(1) Sri.Mahesh Shetty, (2) Sri.D.R.Mukesh, (3) Smt.D.R.Madhavi** and **(4) Smt.D.R.Malathi,** all are children of late D.M. Radhakrishnaiah, residing at: No.44, Sachidananda Nagar, VBHCS Layout, Rajarajeshwarinagar, Bangalore–560 098.

If any person/s have any manner of right, title, interest or claim or charge or lien over the Schedule property or otherwise have any lawful objection/s for sale of the Schedule property by the aforesaid owners, they are hereby called upon to file their objections in writing, along with the photocopies of documents on which they rely, with the undersigned, within 14 days from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my clients.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the vacant Industrial plot bearing Municipal **No.86** (old No.D-102), PID No.21-40-86, measuring East to West 26.15 Mtrs and North to South 13.05 Mtrs, situated at 4th Main, K.S.I.D.C Industrial Estate, 6th Block Rajajinagar, Bangalore and bounded on:

East by : Road
West by : Conservancy
North by : Shed No.D-103
South by : Shed No.D-101

Sd/- Goutam Chand S.F
Advocate
Goutam Associates
No.60, 2nd Floor, Kanakapura Road,
Basavanagudi, Bangalore – 560 004

Government of Karnataka
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
PANCHAYAT RAJ ENGINEERING DIVISION
BELAGAVI

TENDER INVITED
(E- PROCUREMENT)

Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Engineering Division, Belagavi hereby invited tender from Registered Contractors for the item rates through E Portal. There are total 08 work have been called, Standard of tender documents KW-1,2,4 for price of Highest and Lowest Estimated Cost Rs. 190.00 Lakhs and Rs. 6.00 Lakh respectively and also Highest and Lowest EMD has As Per Eprocurement for each work. The last date for submission of any quarries is 18-07-2022 17:30 PM, the last date for submission of tender bid is on 19-07-2022: 17:30 PM. Opening of technical bid is on 20-07-2022: 11-00 AM. and Expected Financial bid will be opened on 20-07-2022 11:30 AM. For any other information/ clarifications please contact the below signed office, and also search internet for E-Portal website **http://e-proc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer
P. R. E. Division, Belagavi
DIPO/BGM/508/2022-23

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No. EE(E)/TL&SS/AE(T)/Chintamani/2022-23/833 Date: 12.07.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION

KPTCL invites following office tender pertaining to Transmission Lines and S/s Division, Chintamani.

(1) Supply of 2Nos of 0.2s class outdoor 11kV Ratio 800-400/1-1-1A CTs for Bank-2 at 66/11KV MUSS Yenigadale in TL&SS Division Chintamani. **(2)** Supply of Three numbers of Single phase 11kV PT of ratio 1000/√3/110/√3 to 66/11KV MUSS Y.Hunasenahally in TL&SD Chintamani. **(3)** Supply of one number of Analog MVAR meter to 66kV outgoing line, 1No of Analog Ammeter for outgoing 66kV line and 1No of Analog Ammeter for Power Transformer-1 66/11KV MUSS G.Kodihalli in TL&SSD Chintamani. **(4)** Supply of One number of 110V DC, Numerical NDR relay suitable for 11kV class 2.904 MVAR capacitor bank to 66/11kV MUSS Julapalya in TL&SSD Gowribidanur. **(5)** Supply of one number of Winding Temperature Indicator (WTI) for 20MVA NGEF make transformer to 66/11KV MUSS Bagepalli in TL&SSD Gowribidanur. **(6)** Supply & fixing of Annunciator window to C&R panel of 12.5MVA Transformer 2 at 66/11KV MUSS Iragampalli in TL&SSD Chintamani. **(7)** Arresting of oil leakage at various points in 12.5MVA NGEF Transformer at 66/11KV MUSS Somanathapura in TL&SSD Gowribidanur. **(8)** Supply of Maintenance materials to 66/11KV MUSS Iragampalli in TL&SSD Chintamani. **(9)** Supply of Multifunction Digital meter (Displays Amps, MW, MVAR, Pf with option of RS485 output) to 66/11KV MUSS Talagawara in TL&SSD Chintamani. **(10)** Supply of single phase PT, 11kV 0.2accuracy for 'R' phase of Bank-1 at 66/11KV MUSS Melur in TL&SSD Chintamani. **(11)** Supply of one number of numerical directional 3OCR+1EFR with highset option for IEC 61850 communication protocol Aux voltage 110V DC, CT 1/5A to 66/11kV MUSS Talagawara TL&SSD Chintamani. **(12)** Supply of Auxiliary relays for WTI & OTI for Power T/f-2 each 1Nos to 66/11KV MUSS Shidlaghatta in TL&SSD Chintamani. **(13)** Servicing & Re-winding of compressor motor of 66kV capacitor bank at 66/11KV Sub-Station Talagawara in TL&SSD Chintamani. **(14)** Supply of 3Nos of 800-400/1-1-1A outdoor, oil cooled 0.2 accuracy class CT's to 66/11KV MUSS Y.Hunasenahally in TL&SSD Chintamani 11KV Class.

Enquiry details may be obtained from the office of the undersigned from **14.07.2022 at 10:00hrs onwards.** Further details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- **Executive Engineer (Ele), TL&SS Division, KPTCL, Chintamani - 583125.**

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No:SEE/EE(O)/AEEE-1/2022-23/F/2383 Date: 11.07.2022

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(e-Procurement mode only)

K.P.T.C.L. invites tenders through e-Procurement mode from the reputed Electrical Contractors possessing Super Grade Electrical contractor License having PF registration for the following works.

1) Tender No: KPTCL/2021-22/EL/WORK_INDENT8453/CALL-04 for **Replacement of demaged 110KV tower by new 110KV tower at Yeduru Village of 110KV SK line in the jurisdiction of Thirthahalli section, Shivamogga Taluk & Dist.**

2) Tender No:KPTCL/2021-22/EL/WORK_INDENT8902/CALL-02 for **Replacement of existing 220KV "DC A+0" tower at Balasagodu limits near Sagar with 220KV DC A+3 KALPATARU Design Tower at Location No.129-131 of 220KV S-3&4 DC Line for increasing vertical clearance in Transmission Lines Section Sagar in Transmission Lines Sub-division, Jog Falls.**

3) Tender No:KPTCL/2021-22/EL/WORK_INDENT8905/CALL-02 for **Replacement of 1 no of 220KV Tower (220KV L&T Design) at Location No.168-169 of 220KV Sharavthi-Shimoga S-1 & 2 DC Line maintain vertical clearance between bottom conductor and ground near Hosuru limits in Anandapura Transmission Lines Section, on TLSD, Jog Falls.**

4) Tender No:KPTCL/2021-22/EL/WORK_INDENT8906/CALL-02 for **Replacement of existing 220KV "DC A+0" tower at Anandapura-Shikaripura Road Cross with 220KV DC A+3 KALPATARU Design tower at Location No.187-188 of 220KV S-3&4 DC Line for increasing vertical clearance in Transmission Lines Section, Anandapura in Transmission Lines Sub-division, Jog Falls.**

5) Tender No:KPTCL/2021-22/EL/WORK_INDENT8963/CALL-02 for **Providing One No. 220KV DC A+3 L&T Design Tower between Location No.105-106 of 220KV S-1&2 DC Line near Sagar Limits Road for increasing vertical clearance in Sagar Transmission Lines Section, on TLSD, Jog Falls.**

6) Tender No:KPTCL/2021-22/EL/WORK_INDENT8964/CALL-02 for **Providing One No. of intermediate tower 220KV DC A+3 L&T Design Tower between Location No.121-122 of 220KV S-1&2 DC Line near Kamblikoppa Limits Road for increasing vertical clearance in Sagar Transmission Lines Section, on TLSD, Jog Falls.**

7) Tender No: KPTCL/2021-22/EL/WORK_INDENT8966/CALL-02 for **Providing One No. of 220KV DC inermediate Tower between Location No.164-165 of 220KV S-3&4 DC Line maintain vertical clearence between bottom conductor and ground near Hosuru Limits in Anandapura Transmission Lines Section, on TLSD, Jog Falls.**

No:SEE/EE(O)/AEEE-1/2022-23/F/2384 Date: 11.07.2022

8) Tender No: KPTCL/2022-23/EL/WORK_INDENT9469 for **Estimate for strengthening of EHT line passing on School premises in Govt. School and College (Govt. School & College) Halageri, 220 KV Multi Circuit line of SS-1, 2 and ST-1,2 line, TLI Section Jog, Talaguppa location No.34A & 35A.**

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Sd/-, Superintending Engineer, Elecl.,
Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Shanta Mansion, 1st Floor, Gandhinagar, Shivamogga, Phone: 08182-272624.

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Government of Karnataka
Panchayath Raj Engineering Department
Office of The Executive Engineer,
P.R.E. Division, K.R. Nagar
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e-Procurement Tender Notice – No.3/22 -23 Item wise (Single and Two Cover System)

On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka Item wise Tenders are invited in one and two cover system through e-procurement as per KW-1/2/3/4 (Standard Tender Document) Rules and as per KTTP G.O. No. FD 9 PCL 2004 Dt. 06.08.2005 and subject to recent amendments from eligible (Civil) Contractors registered in Panchayath Raj engineering Department and registered for e-procurement support in 1/1, Sunbeam Building, Eagle Street. Langford Road, Langford Town, Bengaluru-560 025, Ph. No. 080-22485867, 080-22485927 for works under various Head of account mentioned below in the limits of Panchayath Raj Engineering Division, K.R. Nagar. **1)** Approx. date for issue application for blank tender form in e-procurement 15.07.2022 from 10.30 AM. **2)** Last date and time for submission of filled forms through e-procurement tendering 30.07.2022 up to 4.30 PM. **3)** Date of opening e-procurement technical bid if possible 01/08/2022 after 10.30 AM. **4)** E-procurement tender financial bid will be opened after approval of technical bid for two bid system. **5)** financial bid opening for Single bid system if possible dated: 05/08/2022 after 10.30 AM

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Sd/- Executive Engineer P.R.E. Division, K.R. Nagar
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Staying watchful

Inflation risks undermining growth and macroeconomic stability

The concerted efforts made by the Reserve Bank and the Union government to contain inflation appear to be having some impact, albeit marginal, in slowing the pace of price gains, the latest retail inflation data show. Price gains as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) eased almost imperceptibly to 7.01% in June, from May's 7.04%, with food price inflation slowing by a distinct 22 basis points to 7.75%. Of the 12 items comprising the food and beverages basket – almost half the weight of the CPI – the prices of pulses and edible oils both shrank from a month earlier. Prices of the key cooking medium, which had been on a boil amid a supply shock (from Ukraine and Indonesia), have cooled, helped by import duty reductions. Year-on-year inflation in oils and fats decelerated last month by a whopping 390 basis points to 9.4%, with the index shrinking 0.7% on a sequential basis. And prices of pulses contracted both from a year earlier and the preceding month. The other major positive sign of a policy measure translating to softer prices was with transportation fuels. The Centre's reduction of excise duty on petrol and diesel in May manifested in a significant easing in inflation in the transport and communication index: year-on-year, the rate slowed by 260 basis points to 6.9%, while sequentially it shrank by 120 basis points.

Still, it would be way too premature for policymakers to drop their guard. With nine of the 12 items in the food and beverages basket, representing almost 80% of the sub index and spanning cereals, milk and meat to vegetables, sugar and spices, experiencing sequential price gains, the Government would need to maintain vigil to ward off any build-up of inflationary pressures in consumers' kitchens. Year-on-year inflation in cereals, meat and milk all accelerated in June from May's pace, and price gains in vegetables still remained in double digits at 17.4%. The progress of monsoon rains give hope that the prices of farm produce may moderate in the coming months, provided the extreme rainfall and flooding seen in some States does not adversely hit crop growing regions. And while an appreciable softening in global crude oil prices in recent sessions offers some respite, the rupee's sharp depreciation against the dollar means India will continue to face the spectre of 'imported inflation' as the bill for imports, including crude, keeps rising. The decision of the GST Council to raise tariffs on a range of goods including some items of mass consumption is also bound to add upward pressure on prices. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman's remarks on Tuesday reflect authorities' recognition that any let up in the fight against inflation risks undermining growth and broader macroeconomic stability.

Twin trouble

The AIADMK needs to get its house in order to mount any challenge to the DMK

Marching towards its golden jubilee, the AIADMK has dumped its five-year experiment with dual leadership and expelled O. Panneerselvam, one of its charioteers. Edappadi K. Palaniswami, a former accidental Chief Minister with a strong political survival instinct, will now steer the party as its interim general secretary. In 2017, when a three-way split threatened his fledgling government, he prudently accepted a BJP-facilitated arrangement in which he and Mr. Panneerselvam would share equal organisational powers. Sensing such shared leadership requiring disproportionate compromises had outlived its purpose, Mr. Palaniswami plotted its dismantling. Having earned the trust of legislators during his regime through a "decentralisation of resources", he adopted the same strategy to fortify his party base. Steadfastly opposing attempts by Jayalalithaa's friend V.K. Sasikala to regain control of the AIADMK; maintaining social distance with the ruling DMK; and not ceding much ground to the BJP during seat-sharing negotiations, worked to his advantage. In contrast, Mr. Panneerselvam came across as someone reluctant to fund party colleagues; deliberately maintaining ambiguity on Ms. Sasikala's position; overtly inclined to do the BJP's bidding, and extending cordiality to DMK leaders. Many prominent leaders, who stood by him during his '*Dharma Yudham*' against Ms. Sasikala, feeling alienated, switched camps.

Yet, the transition to unitary leadership has not been smooth in a party acclimatised to being herded by supremos since its founding in October 1972. A miserably outnumbered Mr. Panneerselvam made a futile bid to retain status quo in the party, through courts, overriding the majority will of the general council and earning a judicial reprimand. Coinciding with Mr. Palaniswami's coronation, he forcibly entered the party headquarters amid violent clashes, leading to sealing of the premises. He has approached the Election Commission of India to nullify the general council's decisions. Apart from surmounting these legal challenges in time to face the 2024 Lok Sabha election, the party's incumbent custodian has to do the balancing act in dealing with strong sub-regional satraps from the Gounder, Mukkulathor and Vanniyar communities. Getting elected within four months as general secretary by primary members with a broader segment of district secretaries endorsing his nomination, as per the amended bylaw, could help in Mr. Palaniswami's quest for supremacy. Left with fewer supporters of consequence, Mr. Panneerselvam's best known credentials remain that of a dutiful loyalist of Jayalalithaa. Mr. Panneerselvam might try to seek political legitimacy through the legal route. But other than hampering the functioning of the functioning of the AIADMK for a few more months, he might achieve little. Any long-term disruption in the party, which has ruled for a record 31 years, may end up permanently altering the bipolar nature of politics in Tamil Nadu.

In Sri Lanka, no quiet after the storm

In the days ahead, new confrontations, with consequences for newly gained democratic freedom, are likely to spring up

JAYADEVA UYANGODA

Even after the fall of his official residence and the Presidential Secretariat into the hands of protesting citizens, Sri Lankan President Gotabaya Rajapaksa tried to defy the massive public pressure on him to resign. His attempt to leave the country from the Bandaranaike International Airport in Colombo failed. According to the latest media reports, Mr. Rajapaksa and his wife fled the country in a military aircraft in the early hours of July 13. Other senior members of the Rajapaksa family are probably still in the country waiting to escape.

These dramatic events, between July 9 and July 13, are of extraordinary significance. The political family that has ruled Sri Lanka for over 15 years has been ousted from power by an uninterrupted peaceful protest movement of ordinary citizens.

A post-Rajapaksa phase

These developments have opened the doors for a new phase of post-authoritarian politics in Sri Lanka. It may well be called the post-Rajapaksa phase. The key feature of this new phase is the restoration of democracy. There is massive public demand for a return to democracy through the enactment of a new constitution. Abolishing Sri Lanka's much-hated executive presidential system of government through a comprehensive package of political reforms will have to be a priority in the policy agenda of any new government.

Moreover, a new President, a new Prime Minister and a new government will have to work under the watchful eye of a politically active, alert and vigilant citizenry. A new generation of young political activists who have little patience with the traditional political class and political culture seems to be providing new direction to Sri Lanka's politicised citizens. In brief, in Sri Lanka's post-Rajapaksa era, there will be no room for politics as usual.

Two recent developments seem to have facilitated this mammoth change. The first is the unprecedented economic and social crises, accelerated by the economic downturn during the COVID-19 pandemic and the government's gross mismanagement of the economy. The spread of several waves of social misery caused by a catastrophic economic collapse and the government's failure to ensure an uninterrupted supply of electricity, fuel, food and essential goods led to a general sense of fury against the President and his government.

The second is the spontaneous protest movement of the affected citizens demanding the immediate resignation of the President and his government. Citizen's protests have been regular since last year. They began first in rural Sri Lanka after the government's ban on the import of chemical fertilizers following a rapid drop in foreign exchange reserves. Public schoolteachers and plantation workers also launched their own protests last year, demanding higher wages. In March this year, urban middle classes joined the protests amid the growing economic hardships. On March 31, these protests suddenly developed into a major urban campaign around the rallying cry, 'Gota Go Home'.

Democratic demands

It is this multi-class, multi-ethnic, multi-generational social movement that became the most powerful agent of change in Sri Lanka's contemporary politics. The demands of this movement have been radically democratic in character. The movement emphasises not just a change of government, but a change in the political system as a whole. It also wants reforms in the institutions and practices of representative democracy which have been constantly abused by the political elites, particularly the Rajapaksa brothers.

The demand of the new citizen movement is not merely a return to parliamentary democracy, but a democracy that addresses deficits in representative democracy through a strong framework of checks and balances, contains effective measures to prevent corruption and abuse of political power, and enables voters' right to recall the elected representatives at every level of government. It also wants fusion of direct democratic measures to enable citizens to prevent parliament and the political class from abusing popular mandate.

After the dramatic events on July 9, new complexities have arisen in Sri Lanka's politics and are characterised by both excitement and anxiety. The excitement is not only because a ruling clique, which thought it was invincible, has been dislodged from power by peaceful means, but also because there is now a huge opening for re-democratisation and the cleansing of politics. Its primary authors are ordinary citizens, not the political elites. The seeds of democratisation have sprouted in the fields of quiet dissent and resistance of the citizens. This is perhaps the biggest contribution made by the nation's protesting citizens to the contemporary democratic imagination.

There is also anxiety about the capacity of the present political class as well as Parliament to fulfil the expectations of democratic reform of Sri Lankan citizens. Given the radical nature of the demands of the *aragalaya* (uprising), there are serious doubts about the capacity of political parties, Parliament and the fractured political class to carry out a programme of rapid transition from autocratic authoritarianism to a post-neo liberal democracy embodying commitments to social-democratic and republican goals.

Possible changes

Thus, in the coming weeks and months, two new contradictions with fatal consequences for Sri Lanka's newly gained democratic freedom are likely to spring up. The first is a polarisation between radical sections of the protesters and the Opposition parties in Parliament which are traditionalist and conservative and sceptical about the *aragalaya* agenda. Once the contradiction between the Rajapaksas and the others is temporarily sorted out by the ouster of the ruling family from power, the ball is in the parliamentary Opposition's court to work out a credible succession plan to run the government. Yet, there are signs that infighting among different parties has already begun, centred on the immediate question of who should be the next president. It has, once again, opened the doors for back-room deals and unprincipled coalitions of the corrupt.

This uncertainty is likely to give rise to a second contradiction. The chances of Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe becoming the new President are strong since he will be backed by the MPs of the Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna, the party of the Rajapaksas. Incidentally, Mr. Wickremesinghe has of late re-invented himself as an ardent protector of Rajapaksa interests. Thus, the continuation of Rajapaksa rule under a different name is most likely to ignite a second phase of confrontation between the *aragalaya* and what would emerge as the new government.

Such a scenario has the potential to create a situation where an open confrontation between the two competing centres of political power – one represented in Parliament and the President, and the other located on the *aragalaya* site of Colombo's Galle Face – is inevitable. This new phase of the conflict will most likely be directed towards sorting out the question of political power. And history tells us that political power is an issue that has been resolved not always by peaceful means.

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Scale up the India-South Korea bilateral partnership

There is much potential for Seoul to become the fourth pillar in New Delhi's Indo-Pacific strategy

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Indo-Pacific turbulence has reached an all-time high, to the point where it rivals the diverse foreign policy challenges across the United States and Europe. At a time when the international rules-based order is getting increasingly contested, the options available to governments in the foreign, economic, and security policy areas (including maritime security), are under serious stress.

From drift to a shift

During the past five years, India and South Korea have experienced considerable divergence in their respective national objectives. There was a clear drift by South Korea away from multilateral security initiatives led by the United States, such as the Quad (the U.S., Australia, India and Japan); meanwhile, India has been actively participating in them.

The newly elected Korean President, Yoon Suk Yeol, has brought about a paradigm shift in South Korean foreign and security policies. He has proposed that South Korea should step up to become a "global pivotal state, anchored in liberal values and a rules-based order", that "advances freedom, peace, and prosperity through liberal democratic values and substantial cooperation". South Korea's new willingness to become a global pivotal state and play an active role in regional affairs is bound to create multiple opportunities for a multi-dimensional India- Korea partnership.

In the last few years, India and South Korea have faced serious blockades to their economic ties. Trade between the two countries was sluggish and there was no major inflow of South Korean investment into India. India and South Korea were also trying to upgrade their Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) agreement, but to no avail.

Correcting a China tilt

South Korea's strategic policy shift to correct its heavy tilt towards China is bound to bring new economic opportunities for both countries. Both nations will now be in a better position to understand and accommodate the other's trade investments and supply chain needs. The trade target of $50 billion by 2030, which looked all but impossible a few months ago, now seems within reach.

The emerging strategic alignment is creating a new convergence of capabilities and closer synergy in new areas of economic cooperation such as public health, green growth, digital connectivity, and trade, among others.

In 2020, India and South Korea signed a Roadmap for Defence Industries Cooperation between the Republic of India and the Republic of Korea (ROK) deal. However, due to the lack of political and strategic alignment, nothing came of it. With the strategic shift in South Korea's defence orientation, new doors of cooperation for defence and security have emerged. Advanced defence technologies and modern combat systems are the new domains for the next level of defence cooperation between the two countries.

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Indo-Pacific outlook

South Korea's participation in additional maritime security activities in the Indian Ocean, such as the annual Malabar and other exercises with Quad countries, will further strengthen India's naval footprint in the Indo-Pacific region. During the Moon Jae-in presidency in Korea, Japan and South Korea were at loggerheads. There was little scope for strengthening the trilateral security dialogue in the region between India, South Korea and Japan. The shift in South Korean policies will enable a strong India, South Korea and Japan defence policy coordination that could effectively forge new joint regional security policies.

India has evolved excellent strategic partnerships with Japan, Vietnam and Australia. Unfortunately, so far, South Korea has not received the same level of attention from the Indian establishment. This needs to change. South Korea could be the fourth pillar in India's Indo-Pacific strategy along with Japan, Australia, and Vietnam. This can bring about a paradigm shift in India's position and influence in the region.

The time has come for the Indian and South Korean bilateral partnership to be strategically scaled up at the political, diplomatic and security domain levels. With South Korea's emergence as a leader in critical technologies, cybersecurity and cyber-capacity building, outer space and space situational awareness capabilities, South Korea can contribute immensely to enhance India's foundational strengths in the Indo-Pacific.

However, the current emerging alignment between India and South Korea, which has the potential to bring the two countries closer together, may prove short lived if proper attention is not paid to the multi-dimensional challenges it faces. The Chinese leadership is adversely impacted by policy changes brought in by the Yoon administration. The real challenge for global geopolitics is this: can South Korea withstand the inevitable Chinese pressure and stick to its new alignment?

The U.S. factor, North Korea

As Republicans are gaining strength again in domestic politics in the U.S., we need to consider what will happen if the former U.S. President, Donald Trump, returns to power in the next elections. Mr. Trump was unconvinced about the relevance of the U.S.-Korea partnership and had discussed withdrawing U.S. forces from South Korea.

The threat of Mr. Trump at one time to abandon the relationship with South Korea was real. This situation was prevented by Mr. Yoon's dynamism that encouraged all major powers to support South Korea's stand for stability and peace.

South Korea's peace process with North Korea has completely collapsed. In the coming days, as North Korea conducts more missile and nuclear tests, it may lead to regional tension. Any breakout of hostilities on the Korean Peninsula can derail South Korea's Indo-Pacific project.

During the Moon presidency, South Korea was forced to sign the "three no's" agreement with China. Under this agreement, Korea agreed to: no additional Terminal High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) deployment; no participation in the U.S.'s missile defence network, and no establishment of a trilateral military alliance with the U.S. and Japan.

India can help South Korea withstand Chinese pressure and North Korean threats. An independent, strong, and democratic South Korea can be a long-term partner with India, that will add significant value to India's Indo-Pacific strategy. This new partnership can have a long-term positive impact for both countries and the Indo-Pacific region. It is an opportunity that neither country can afford to miss.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Notes from Colombo

Every chapter describing the ongoing events in Sri Lanka must be a lesson for political power mongers in India in particular and those of all nations in general. Though the main theme is about the island country's economic crisis, it only followed the tyrannical and irresponsible style of governance there, that was characterised by corruption, inefficiency, selfish motives, arrogance and egoism. It is no silly matter that the angst of the people in Sri Lanka prevented the perpetrators of the crimes from escaping. That India is larger and more diverse is no rod to hang on. No global diplomacy can come to help. So is the dependence on the oft-quoted "people's mandate" in elections. All voters cannot be fooled all the time.

P.R.V. RAJA,
Pandalam, Kerala

■ We have to appreciate the people of Sri Lanka for their guts, determination and exemplary unity in making a 'dictator ruler' run from the pillar to the post to save his life. One is reminded of the great French Revolution in the actions of the common man. What has happened in Sri Lanka must be an eye-opener to leaders of other democracies. Once the people realise the real mindset and anti-people policies of tyrants, action rests in their hands alone.

THARCIUS S. FERNANDO,
Chennai

Row over emblem

It is not surprising at all that the shrinking political Opposition in India has found an issue to attack the Government with (Inside pages, "Grace missing in replica of emblem, says Opposition", July 13). There are so many serious issues to focus on. When will the Opposition realise this?

G. SUBRAMANIAN,
Chennai

■ There can be no doubt that the controversy could have been averted had the proposed design of the emblem been deliberated upon by experts across the board. There should have been consensus over its design. Further, it should have been the President of India's prerogative to unveil the emblem. All in all, the confrontationist attitude of the ruling establishment is quite obvious.

S.K. CHOUDHURY,
Bengaluru

■ A structure of importance should reflect the democratic and cultural ethos of a country. Whatever fixtures installed thereon should enhance its charm to be noted for posterity. The replica is at variance with what we know it to be. The Government would do well to redo the emblem without harping on ego and prestige.

V. JOHAN DHANAKUMAR,
Chennai

Loan policy

It is a sad reality that crores of rupees of public funds going down the drain by way of irrecoverable debts hardly bothers governments in India. Only the poor depositor and tax-payer is made to suffer. Big ticket corporate loans are liberally given for political reasons, and when they fail (due to fraud or mismanagement), the system of punishing the guilty or fixing accountability in a deterrent way is almost non-existent. It is imperative that the responsibility of lending large amounts to corporates is moved away from commercial banks. It is time the political class hammers out a more prudent lending policy for public sector banks.

P. MANGALACHANDRAN,
West Poniyam, Kannur, Kerala

Light-years away

The fantastic picture of a star-forming region left the reader awe-struck (Page 1, July 13). It is a stupendous achievement which NASA should be rightfully proud of. That the images can help in a detailed unravelling of the early universe is proof that nothing is beyond human achievement.

N. RAMA RAO,
Chennai

A class of their own

Novak Djokovic's Wimbledon win is proof that the Serbian great has all it takes to rule as a champion. Nick Kyrgios melted away under the intensity and the tenacity of Djokovic's tennis (Editorial, July 13). The trio of Rafael Nadal, Djokovic and Roger Federer refuses to have its fingers prised off the biggest trophies.

R. SIVAKUMAR,
Chennai

The President is not a mere rubber stamp

It is possible for a President to intervene on behalf of the citizenry against the tyranny of the executive

P.D.T. ACHARY

India is going to elect its new President on July 18. The new President will be sworn in on July 25. Choosing the presidential candidate is an intensely political exercise. Deep political calculations go into it. It is for this reason that the country is often taken by surprise by the choice the ruling party makes. But once the President is elected, the excitement subsides and for the next five years not much attention is paid to the Rashtrapati Bhavan.

Dr. Rajendra Prasad taking oath as the first President of the Republic of India on January 26, 1950. C. Rajagopalachari, the Governor General, is seen seated on the chair. • THE HINDU ARCHIVES

An issue of importance

Nevertheless, in the prevailing political atmosphere, the question 'what kind of President does India need?' assumes great significance. It is true that the nominee of the ruling alliance is going to be the next President. Still, the stature, the moral standing and the level of acceptability of the person are important considerations when the country chooses a new President.

Let us first take a closer look at the President who emerges from the Constitution. There was a great deal of debate in the Constituent Assembly on the President. The main question debated therein was whether India should have a directly elected President or an indirectly elected one. The Assembly opted for an indirectly elected President. There were members such as Professor K.T. Shah who strongly argued for a directly elected President. He asked a rhetorical question, which was whether the Assembly wanted the president to be a "sort of mere gramophone of the Prime Minister." Dr. B.R. Ambedkar said: "Our President is merely a nominal figurehead. He has no discretion; he has no powers of administration at all."

But is the President of India a mere figurehead? Article 53 of the Constitution says that "the executive power of the Union shall be vested in the President and shall be exercised by him either directly or through officers subordinate to him in accordance with this Constitution." It means the President exercises these powers only on the aid and the advice of the Council of Ministers. So, it makes sense for the people to ask why we should have a President who signs on the dotted line. The way some of our Presidents have acted in the past reinforces that public perception. But we must not forget that some of our Presidents did live up to the implications of the office of the President of the Republic. So, we come back to the question of how crucial this office is to the governance of the country.

Poll method, people's role

To answer this question, we need to first take a closer look at the method of election of the President. It is an indirect election in the sense that the people do not directly elect the President. Under Article 54, the President is elected by an electoral college consisting of only the elected members of both Houses of Parliament and the elected members of the State and Union Territory Assemblies.

However, a matter of importance in this context is the vote value of Members of the Legislative Assemblies (MLAs) and the formula for its computation. The vote of an MLA, though one, is assigned a certain higher value. This value is calculated by first dividing the total population of the State (as per the 1971 Census) by the total strength of the Assembly, and then the quotient is divided by one thousand. The result is the value of a vote. Calculated this way, the vote value of an MLA in the State of Uttar Pradesh, for example, is 208.

The point is that in the computation of the value, the population of the State figures in a significant way. In other words, the population of the country is a crucial factor in the election of the President, which means the people's presence in the process of electing the President is very much visible. This gives a wider base to the President than a mere vote by the legislators on the basis of one member, one vote. This also gives the President a greater moral authority. So, the Indian President is not and cannot be a mere rubber stamp. He does not directly exercise the executive authority of the Union, but he can disagree with the decision of the Council of Ministers, caution them, counsel them, and so on. The President can ask the Cabinet to reconsider its decisions. It is another matter that if the Cabinet, after such reconsideration, sends the same proposal back without any change, the President will have to sign it. That is because under the Cabinet system of government, it is the Cabinet which is responsible for the government's decisions. The President is in no way personally responsible for those decisions which he or she approves.

But the point to note is that the President can disagree with the decisions of the Cabinet and ask the Cabinet to reconsider them. The Constitution of India wants the President to be vigilant and responsive, and gives the freedom to him or her to take a broader view of things uninfluenced by the narrow political view of the executive.

This point becomes clearer when we take a look at the oath the President takes before entering office. The oath contains two solemn promises. First, the President shall preserve, protect and defend the Constitution. Second, the President shall devote himself or herself to the service and the well-being of the people of India. A President who makes the above promises under oath to the people cannot act, in the words of Professor K.T. Shah, as a gramophone of the Prime Minister.

But how does a President preserve, protect and defend the Constitution? It is an extremely tricky area. Experience shows that our Presidents do not normally think about their oath when the executive moves to bulldoze the rights and the liberties of citizens. There are very few democratic countries in the world where the executive has concentrated so much power in itself as in India. This trend started in the 1970s, and over the years the executive has grown into a behemoth.

A perspective

So, when the omnipotent executive moves to crush the liberty of citizens, the people do not, in the normal course, think of approaching the President who is otherwise oath-bound to preserve, protect and defend the Constitution. The reason is that Presidents are not normally found interceding on behalf of aggrieved citizens even when there is an egregious violation of the rule of law and constitutional guarantees given to the citizens. There were Presidents such as Rajendra Prasad and Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan who openly differed with the government on certain policy issues and could exert tremendous influence on the government. Thus, it is possible for a President to disagree with the government or intervene on behalf of the citizenry against the tyranny of the executive and persuade it to give up its ways. The solemn oath the President takes requires him or her to do it. Such persons alone can rise to the level of the President; others can only be presidential office holders. India needs Presidents, not presidential office holders.

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The Sputnik V conundrum

Why the Supreme Court could have heard the plea seeking modification of the Indian government's COVID-19 policy

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The Supreme Court recently dismissed a plea seeking modification of the Indian government's COVID-19 policy to allow voluntary re-vaccination of persons who have been vaccinated with Sputnik V. The petitioner, a recipient of Sputnik V, is unable to go overseas since the World Health Organization (WHO) had not yet certified Sputnik V in its approved list of vaccines. The petitioner was directed to make a representation before the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in this respect.

Constitutional right to travel abroad

The court did not fully appreciate the existing constitutional jurisprudence while dismissing the writ petition. The right to life under Article 21 of the Constitution does not have a mere black-and-white legal meaning. Whilst undoubtedly referring to an individual's right to live, it means much more than the right of an individual to survival. A person must embrace all of life's facets in order to fully live. The right to live a fulfilling and respectable life is known as the right to life.

In *Maneka Gandhi v. Union of India* (1978), the Supreme Court said "personal liberty" in Article 21 is "of the widest amplitude" covering "a variety of rights which go to constitute the personal liberty of man". Earlier, in *Satwant Singh Sawhney v. D. Ramarathnam Assistant Passport Officer* (1967), the right to travel abroad was read as an intrinsic part of Article 21. The Supreme Court has time and again reiterated this right to travel abroad. As recently as 2020, the Supreme Court, in *Parvez Noordin Lokhandwalla v. State of Maharashtra*, held that the right to travel abroad is a part of the fundamental right to dignity and personal liberty. Interestingly, the Supreme Court in *Satish Chandra Verma v. Union of India* (2019), whilst reiterating the right to travel abroad, went on to equate it to be a basic and as genuine a human right as the right to marry and have a family. Thus, there is no doubt that it is settled jurisprudence that an Indian citizen has the freedom to go anywhere, work anywhere, and live anywhere. The only way this may be restricted is if the law forbids someone from doing so. Such a law too would be subject to scrutiny by the court under the constitutional parameters of 'reasonableness'. This well settled Indian jurisprudence of the right to travel abroad finds support in international law as well. Article 12 of the 1966 International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights guarantees freedom of movement, including the right of persons to choose their residence, to leave and return to a country.

Negative view towards Russia

In light of the above, the Supreme Court ought to have appreciated the fact that there is no law preventing an Indian citizen from travelling abroad for work, education or leisure. It should have equally appreciated the negative views towards Russia in the context of the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Russian manufactured products, including vaccines, do not find acceptability in most parts of the world. Sputnik V was already facing a difficult rollout. The sanctions against Russia have further hindered the use and distribution of the vaccine. Sputnik V is not accepted as valid proof of immunity in the U.K. and the U.S. There are severe restrictions in the European Union (EU) for EU and non-EU citizens vaccinated with it. Thus, lakhs of Indians who wish to visit these countries cannot do so. For all practical purposes, an individual vaccinated with Sputink V is regarded unvaccinated.

Apart from the global opinion being against the Sputnik V vaccine, the Indian vaccination programme has exacerbated the problem. Despite the National COVID Vaccination Program in India being based on epidemiological and scientific research, WHO recommendations, and international practices, the COVID-19 policy has not been changed by the government to allow for voluntary re-vaccination of persons who have received the Sputnik V vaccine and wish to go abroad. Even CoWIN prohibits any re-vaccination of persons with a different vaccine after one or two doses have been administered. Last year, an NRI employee at a Saudi Arabian company was unable to return to his job from Kerala because he had been given Covaxin, which was not yet authorised in the Gulf nation. The issue was brought before the Kerala High Court which said that the citizen's basic rights were being violated and his right to movement was being restricted.

The Supreme Court ought to have appreciated the right of an Indian to travel abroad emanating from settled jurisprudence as well as the prevailing global opinion against Russia. Furthermore, it should have taken into consideration concerns expressed by the Kerala High Court and allowed for re-vaccination of all individuals vaccinated with Sputnik desirous of travelling abroad.

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STATE OF PLAY

An irresponsible act

A former DGP's YouTube video about Dileep comes at a time when the case is at a critical stage

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Former DGP R. Sreelekha's YouTube channel, with a few thousand viewers for a majority of the videos, often has her talking about her experiences in service. On July 10, she posted a video about actor Dileep. She went to great lengths to whitewash the accusations against him, even accusing the police of fabricating evidence to frame Dileep in the case related to the abduction and assault of a female actor in February 2017. It is pertinent to note that she had no connection with the case.

Within a day, her allegation that a photograph of Dileep with the first accused, 'Pulsar' Suni, was photoshopped fell flat, with the photographer Bidil, who had given a statement in the court regarding it, vouching for its authenticity. Doubts were raised about her other assertions too. Her comments casting aspersions on the prosecution and the force come at a time when the case is at a critical stage. While the prosecution is planning to move contempt of court proceedings against her, her comments have drawn sharp reactions from a section of the film fraternity which has stood with the survivor.

After the popular woman actor was allegedly abducted and sexually assaulted by a group of men inside a moving vehicle on February 17, 2017, she filed a police complaint immediately. In a society where victims of sexual assault are often shamed, those behind the crime might not have expected the actor to lodge such a complaint. That act set off a chain reaction that shook the entrenched power centres of Malayalam cinema, led to the formation of the Women in Cinema Collective and forced the State Government to appoint the Justice Hema Commission to study issues of sexual harassment and gender inequality in the industry.

Although the men directly involved in the act were nabbed within a week, it was only four months later that fingers pointed to Dileep, the alleged mastermind. It was alleged that he had ordered that the assault be shot on video as revenge against her for revealing to his then wife his affair with his co-star. His arrest a few weeks later and 85-day incarceration were unexpected, considering his clout in the industry. But thinly veiled voices of support for him have come from powerful names within the industry and outside, with the leadership of the Association of Malayalam Movie Artistes too being reluctant to act against him.

The case has taken many turns over the years: witnesses turned hostile, public prosecutors resigned, new witnesses made revelations, and the actor apparently attempted to delay the trial. The trial court judge has also faced allegations of bias, with the survivor and the State Government moving the Supreme Court unsuccessfully to get her replaced.

The trajectory of the case has caused apprehensions of miscarriage of justice. The repeated attempts at whitewashing the accused, even before a court verdict, through social media and at times even through sections of the mainstream media have compounded these fears. Despite the gravity of the allegations, #WithHim campaigns (in response to the #WithHer campaigns in support of the survivor) have been running on social media and some women's magazines have carried sympathetic interviews with Dileep, portraying him as a family man. The former DGP's YouTube video comes in this context.

The case and the trial are being viewed closely by those in the film fraternity supporting the survivor as well as the larger society, for a verdict favourable to the survivor could give courage to many others who are scared to speak out. The fact that many women from the film industry have spoken out after her is a testimony to the strength that her courageous act has given them. The fire that she lit should not be doused.

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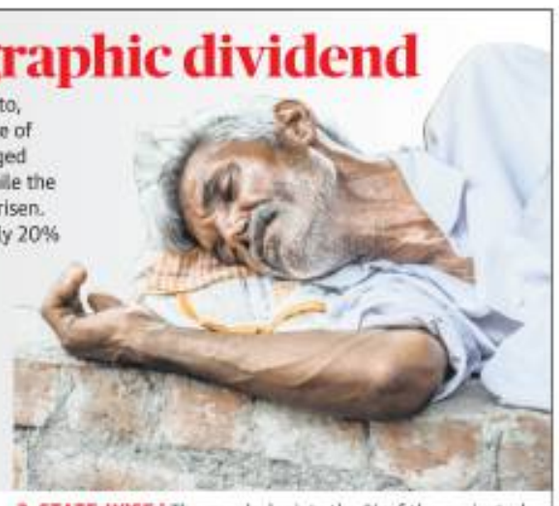
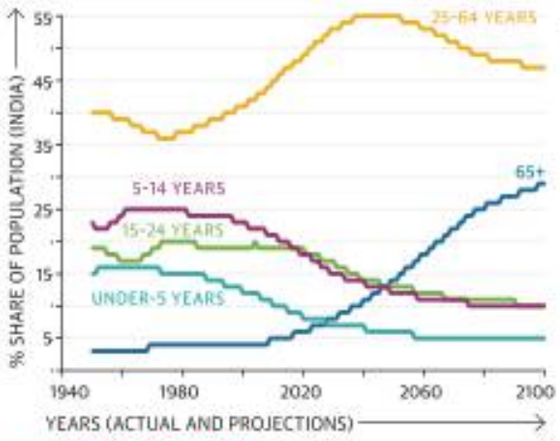
DATA POINT

A diminishing demographic dividend

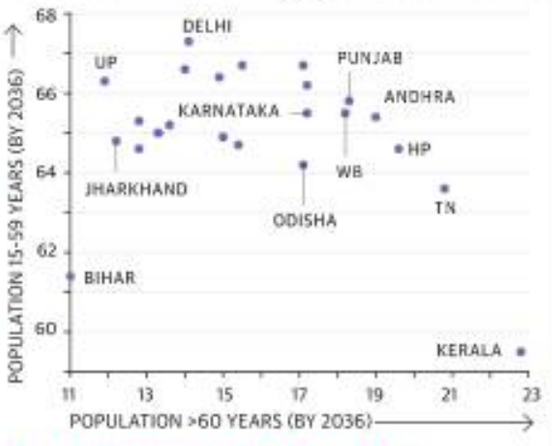
In the next 80 years, India's demographic structure is expected to, with the share of the working population declining and the share of dependent residents increasing. By 2037, the share of Indians aged 25-64 is projected to peak and then start declining by 2052, while the share of the population aged more than 65 is expected to have risen. The shift will be first recorded in the southern States, with nearly 20% of the population in Tamil Nadu and Kerala crossing the age of 60 by 2036. India is not alone in this demographic shift. Most countries are either going through the change or will see such a change in the near future. However, India is among the nations with the lowest share of the elderly receiving pension and the highest share of out-of-pocket expenditure in health. This is a double whammy given the poor monetary support and sharp increases in health-related expenses post-retirement. By **Vignesh Radhakrishnan** and **Jasmin Nihalani**



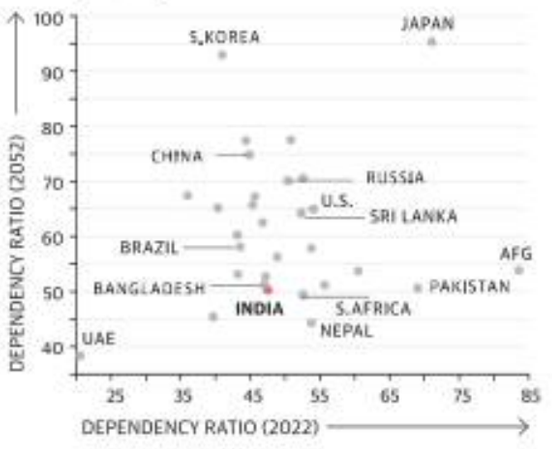
1. POPULATION SHARE | The line graph depicts the % of population in an age group over time in India. The share of the working age population will decrease, while the share of the older population is set to increase in India



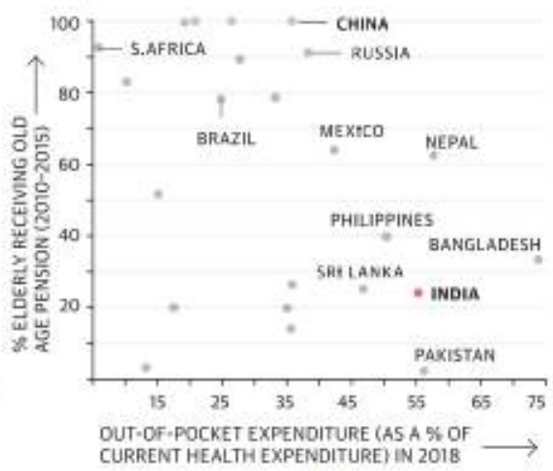
2. STATE-WISE | The graph depicts the % of the projected population in 2036 in the 15-59 age-group (vertical axis) and in the 60+ age group across States. In 2036, the southern States will have a relatively high share of senior citizens



3. DEPENDENCY RATIO | The scatter plot depicts the % of the dependent population (aged <15, >65) in 2022 and 2052 (projected) among select nations. The rise in the ageing population is not unique to India, with most economies facing a similar issue. In fact, for nations such as South Korea and Japan, the % share of dependent population will be nearly 95% by 2052



4. PENSION VERSUS HEALTH EXPENSES | The scatter plot depicts the % of elderly people receiving old-age pension (vertical axis) and out-of-pocket (OOP) expenditure as a % of current health expenditure (horizontal axis) in select nations. India is among the countries with the lowest share of elderly people receiving pension and the highest share of OOP expenditure in health



Source: Ourworldindata, UN, International Labour Organization

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FROM THE ARCHIVES

FIFTY YEARS AGO JULY 14, 1972

Sheikh's message to Pakistan

Srinagar, July 13: Sheikh Abdullah to-day called upon leaders of Pakistan to "prove by deeds and not by words alone" their sincerity in supporting the right of self-determination for Jammu and Kashmir. He declared "If they are really keen about Kashmiris' right for self-determination, then let them start with the area of the State under their occupation." The Sheikh was addressing a huge Martyrs' Day rally organised by the outlawed Plebiscite Front at "Shahid Mazar" here this evening. The Sheikh said: "As far as we are concerned, our watchword is self-reliance and not dependence on others. Pakistan should first grant freedom to the area of the State under its occupation and leave us alone to fight our battle." The Sheikh also denied that he had ever meant to seek Chinese or Pakistani support when he referred to the two countries at a recent public meeting. "What I had meant to clarify was how some people here looked towards China and Pakistan for support to their freedom demand. But my statement was torn out of context and was made to appear as if I had asked for support from China. This was being done deliberately to turn Russia and India against us," he added. The question, he said, was not whether this or that country "supports our cause." The question of "freedom for Kashmir is the issue that concerns solely Kashmiris themselves," he added. In a reference to the Prime Minister, Mrs. Indira Gandhi's statement that no outsider would be associated with the Indo-Pakistan Government-level talks on Kashmir, the Sheikh said this was an argument with which "Kashmiris would never reconcile."

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO JULY 14, 1922

Hague Conference

The Hague, July 12: The meeting of the Private Property sub-Commission at which Lloyd Graeme presided lasted three hours. The chairman in unequivocal terms denied the numerous points on which Russians had failed to define their intentions. They were notably in regard to the recognition of debts and payments of compensation and the future status of property holders. Litvinoff requested that the question of credits be considered separately, but Lloyd Graeme expressed the opinion that credits and property guarantees were interlinked and announced that it was useless continuing the conference if this was the Russians' final word.

FROM PAGE ONE

Ranil becomes Acting President of Sri Lanka

Though both Sri Lanka's President and Prime Minister offered to resign following dramatic mass protests on Saturday – demonstrators stormed the President's office and home, while arsonists torched the Prime Minister's private residence – neither has stepped down, prolonging the political impasse, and fuelling anti-government protests.

Sri Lanka's Constitution clearly lays out next steps in the event of the President's and Prime Minister's their offices falling vacant, but the process cannot begin until the leaders resign. While speculation over Mr. Gotabaya's whereabouts continues, a top official in the Maldives, who asked not to be named, citing "sensitivity" of the embattled leader's arrival, told *The Hindu* that Mr. Gotabaya would "only transit" the country.

Media reports said the Maldives' Parliamentary Speaker and former President, Mohamed Nasheed, received Mr. Gotabaya at the airport, but there was no official word from Male on the development.

Asked where the Sri Lankan leader was headed next, the source declined comment. Mr. Gotabaya's final destination remains unclear, but reports indicated he was headed to Singapore.

Precaution shots free from tomorrow

"I urge all those eligible to get their precaution dose at the earliest," Mr. Mandaviya added. India's cumulative COVID-19 vaccination coverage exceeds 199.12 crore, and over 3.76 crore first dose vaccines have been administered for the 12-14 age group, the Health Ministry said. According to government data, 96% of India's population has been administered the first dose, while 87% have taken both doses.

On April 10 this year, India began administering precaution doses of COVID-19 vaccines to all aged above 18 years. The Centre recently reduced the gap between the second and precaution doses of COVID vaccines from nine to six months after a recommendation from the National Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (NTAGI). To accelerate the pace of vaccination and encourage booster shots, the government launched the second round of the 'Har Ghar Dastak campaign 2.0' on June 1.

India ranks 135 in Gender Gap Index

The gender score | India ranked 135 in gender parity out of 146 countries, according to the Global Gender Gap Report 2022 released by the World Economic Forum. A look at India's ranking in the four sub-indexes based on which the overall ranking was determined

India	Rank 2022*
Global gender gap index	**135**
Economic participation and opportunity	143
Educational attainment	107
Health and survival	146
Political empowerment	48

*out of 146 countries

The Global Gender Report, 2022, which includes the index, says it will now take 132 years to reach gender parity, with the gap reducing only by four years since 2021 and the gender gap closed by 68.1%. But this does not compensate for the generational loss between 2020 and 2021 as the trends leading up to 2020 showed that the gender gap was set to close within 100 years. South Asia will take the longest to reach gender parity, which is estimated to be likely in 197 years.

India ranks poorly among its neighbours and is behind Bangladesh (71), Nepal (96), Sri Lanka (110), Maldives (117) and Bhutan (126).

Only Iran (143), Pakistan (145) and Afghanistan (146) performance was worse than India in South Asia.

In 2021, India ranked 140 out of a total 156 countries on the index. The Global Gender Gap Index benchmarks gender parity across four key dimensions or subindices – economic participation and opportunity, educational attainment, health and survival, and political empowerment. It measures scores on a 0-to-100 scale, which can be interpreted as the distance covered towards parity or the percentage of the gender gap that has been closed.

India ranks 146 in health and survival, 143 in economic participation and opportunity, 107 in educational attainment and 48th in political empowerment.

Cannot impose 'omnibus' ban on demolitions: SC

Powerful State governments and its functionaries were taking advantage of municipal laws to "wreck vengeance" by using bulldozers to demolish the homes and buildings of people whom they believed were behind communal violence and riots, Mr. Dave said. "We do not want this culture. Instead of following the rule of law, they take advantage of the municipal laws to demolish houses," he said.

Highlighting signs that instant justice was becoming a trend, Mr. Dave pointed to media reports showing how authorities had destroyed the house of a murder accused even before the case had come to trial.

Senior advocate C.U. Singh, also for Jamiat, said the court's stay of the Jahangirpuri demolitions had hardly stopped the authorities from using the same *modus operandi* "in city after city" hit by communal violence. "In fact, these demolition drives are announced by the police... There have been express statements from higher-ups in the police that 'I saw you throwing stones so I am going to demolish your home'...," Mr. Singh said.

In its affidavit on June 12, the U.P. government said petitions being filed in the top court against "routine" demolitions were a surreptitious attempt by third parties such as the Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind to protect "illegal encroachments" and "sensationalise" the issue.

India, China talks to be held on July 17

Corps Commander-level meeting is part of efforts to take forward stalled process of disengagement

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India and China are scheduled to hold the 16th round of Corps Commander talks on July 17 on the Chinese side at Moldo as part of efforts to take forward the stalled process of disengagement and de-escalation in eastern Ladakh. The talks are scheduled on Sunday around 10 a.m. on the Chinese side, an official source said.

In addition to the focus on disengagement at Patrolling Point 15 in the Gogra-Hot Springs area, the effort would also be to discuss disengagement from Demchok and Depsang, which have been the sticking points in the last few rounds of talks.

Firm stand: India is insisting on comprehensive disengagement and de-escalation of the situation in eastern Ladakh. • AP

15 rounds of talks

Since the stand-off began in May 2020, the two sides have so far held 15 rounds of talks with disengagement undertaken from both sides of Pangong Tso in February 2021, and from PP 17 in the Gogra-Hot Springs area in August, in addition to Galwan in 2020 after the violent clash. The 15th round of Corps Commander talks took place on March 11, 2022. In addition, the two sides held talks at the political and diplomatic levels.

Since the last round of talks, Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi has visited India in March while he and Foreign Minister S. Jaishankar met last week on the sidelines of the G-20 Foreign Ministers' meeting in Bali, where they discussed the situation with regard to the Line of Actual Control (LAC).

India has been insisting on comprehensive disengagement and de-escalation of the situation in eastern Ladakh, while China has been reluctant to discuss Depsang and Demchok, maintaining that they are not a part of the current stand-off, officials have stated. Due to this, the 13th round of talks ended acrimoniously with both sides issuing strong statements and accusing the other.

Troops deployed

Over 50,000 troops and heavy equipment continue to be deployed on both sides close to the LAC for the second winter in very high altitude areas.

China has also undertaken massive construction of infrastructure, habitat and support structures to maintain the troops close to the LAC, altering the ground status.

In May, the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief of Northern Command, Lt. Gen. Upendra Dwivedi, said the situation on the LAC is stable but in a state of "heightened alert", and to ensure that irritants do not turn into violent situations the two sides have opened up various channels of communication at the lower level. He added, "We have regular hotline exchanges and we have stopped the system of body push, etc., that was there earlier and no physical contact is being ensured. Wherever there is an irritant, we call for talks at the battalion and brigade level, sit down together and come to an amicable solution."

Oppo India gets DRI notice on 'duty evasion'

It demands ₹4,389-cr. payment

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The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) has served a show-cause notice on Oppo India demanding customs duty amounting to ₹4,389 crore, the agency said on Wednesday. The notice proposes penalties on the company, its employees and Oppo China under provisions of the Customs Act.

Oppo Mobiles India Private Ltd. is a subsidiary company of the China-based Guangdong Oppo Mobile Telecommunications Corporation Ltd.

"This mis-declaration resulted in wrongful availment of ineligible duty exemption benefits by Oppo India amounting to ₹2,981 crore," the agency said.

"The said 'royalty' and 'licence fees' paid by Oppo India were not being added in the transaction value of the goods imported by them, in violation of Section 14 of the Customs Act, read with Rule 10 of the Customs Valuation (Determination of Value of Imported Goods) Rules 2007. The alleged duty evasion by Oppo India on this account is ₹1,408 crore," the agency said.

Meanwhile, the Oppo India said in a statement, "We have a different view on the charges mentioned in the SCN. We believe it's an industry-wide issue many corporates are working on. OPPO India is reviewing the SCN received from DRI, and we are going to reply to the notice, presenting our side, and will be working further with the related government departments. OPPO India is a responsible corporate and believes in prudent corporate governance framework. OPPO India will take appropriate steps as may be needed in this regard including any remedies provided under the law."

Transgender trainee pilot told to reapply for medical test

DGCA had earlier denied Adam a commercial pilot licence

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NEW DELHI

In a temporary win for transgender trainee pilot Adam Harry, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has requested him to submit a new application for medical assessment required for further training to become an airline pilot two years after he was told that a hormone therapy he was undergoing for gender transition rendered him "unfit" to fly.

Adam Harry

The DGCA has also clarified that there were no restrictions on transgender people seeking pilot's licence and a hormone therapy alone will not preclude anyone from flying.

"I am happy about the DGCA's response. This is just a beginning and I know I have a tough battle ahead of me in a world where heteronormative attitudes prevail and there is little tolerance towards gender non-conformity. I am looking forward to flying in India without compromising on my identity as a man," Mr. Harry told *The Hindu*.

The DGCA has clarified in a press statement that there are "no restrictions on transgender people to obtain pilot's licence and ratings", subject to certain requirements such as "age, educational qualifications, medical fitness, knowledge, experience etc".

It has also said that hormone replacement therapy will not disqualify a candidate if there are no adverse symptoms or reactions. However, "flying duties are not permitted while the dose of hormonal treatment is being stabilised or until an adequate physiological response has been achieved and the dose no longer needs changing."

The development follows a letter from the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment to the DGCA on Monday calling its decision of denying a transgender person a commercial pilot licence "discriminatory" and violative of the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019. The Ministry has also urged the regulator to lay down guidelines for licensing of transgender persons to become pilots and prepare medical standards for them.

SC to hear Ram Sethu plea on July 26

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The Supreme Court on Wednesday agreed to list on July 26 a plea by BJP leader Subramanian Swamy to declare the 'Ram Sethu' a national heritage monument.

In a mentioning made before Chief Justice of India (CJI) N.V. Ramana, Mr. Swamy said it was an important issue. The Ram Sethu, also known as Adam's bridge, is a chain of limestone shoals between Pamban Island or Rameswaram Island, off the south-eastern coast of Tamil Nadu, and Mannar Island, off the north-western coast of Sri Lanka.

The BJP leader had earlier raised the issue of declaring the Ram Sethu as a national monument in his public interest litigation (PIL) petition against the controversial Sethusamudram Ship Channel project, initiated by the UPA-I government.

The matter had reached the apex court, which in 2007 had stayed the work for the project on the Ram Sethu. The Centre had later said it considered the "socio-economic disadvantages" of the project and was willing to explore another route to the shipping channel project without damaging the Ram Sethu.

"That the Government of India intends to explore an alternative to the earlier alignment of the Sethusamudram Ship Channel project without affecting/damaging the Adam's Bridge/Ram Sethu in the interest of the nation," the Ministry had said.

Modi govt. distances itself from Rajapaksas

Indian High Commission 'categorically denies' reports that India facilitated their recent travel

SUHASINI HAIDAR
NEW DELHI

Distancing itself from the Rajapaksa family that has been pushed out of power by angry protesters in Sri Lanka, the government made it clear that it has not offered outgoing President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, his brother and former Finance Minister Basil Rajapaksa, and others who may wish to flee Sri Lanka, any support.

The Indian High Commission said it "categorically denies baseless and speculative media reports that India facilitated the recent reported travel" of Mr. Gotabaya Rajapaksa and Mr. Basil Rajapaksa.

"It is reiterated that India will continue to support the people of Sri Lanka as they seek to realize their aspirations for prosperity and progress through democratic means and values , established democratic institutions and constitutional framework," the High Commission added.

"The Rajapaksas stand totally discredited in the eyes of the Sri Lankan people...To be on the wrong side of history by facilitating their escape from Sri Lanka could not be on option and I believe India has done well in respecting the voice of Sri Lankan democratic opinion in this regard," former Foreign Secretary and Ambassador to Sri Lanka Nirupama Rao said.

Officials pointed out that any hint of support to the outgoing leadership could also "complicate" New Delhi's position with a new government in Colombo. Acting President Ranil Wickremesinghe, who has the support of the Rajapaksas' Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP) party in Parliament, will go up against Sajith Premadasa and possibly other contenders from the opposition. With many members of the SLPP turning Independent in the last few months, New Delhi would rather not be seen as taking sides and await the outcome of the election due on July 20.

The Modi government's disavowal of the Rajapaksas is yet another twist in what has been a see-saw relationship since 2014.

As Sri Lanka's economic crisis spiralled out of control last November, the Modi government moved quickly to fulfil requests made by the Rajapaksas – opening credit lines for food and fuel, donating medicines, allowing debt repayment delays and enabling currency swaps to the tune of $3.8 billion. However, as the chants of "Gota Go Gama" (Go home Gotabaya) grew louder, New Delhi decided its first duty as a neighbour was to the people.

'Q1 new investment projects fall 20.5%'

Manufacturing, infra outlays fall sharply: survey

VIKAS DHOOT
NEW DELHI

Following a revival through 2021-22, new investment projects in India declined 20.5% sequentially in the first quarter of 2022-23, as slowing growth and increasing uncertainty caused by global headwinds sapped enthusiasm for fresh investments among private investors, according to a survey.

Manufacturing and infrastructure sectors, which had led the revival in fresh capital investments last year, recorded sharp falls in new investments in the April-June quarter, investment monitoring firm Projects Today's quarterly survey shows.

Private investments fell 31% quarter-on-quarter, with foreign investments seeing a much steeper drop of 59%. Central government and public sector investments recorded a marginal rise of 1.62% over the preceding quarter, but States' new capex plans fell by almost 7%.

A total investment commitment of ₹4,34,664.86 crore in 2,506 new projects was announced in the first quarter, as against 2,467 projects worth ₹5,46,673.78 crore in January-March.

"Fresh capital spending lost steam in the first quarter... after four quarters of growth, with investment announcements slowing in the private as well as public sectors," Shashikant Hegde, director and CEO of Projects Today told *The Hindu*. Mr. Hegde attributed this to the dip in economic growth to 4.1% in the January to March 2022 quarter.

"The prevailing uncertainties in the global business and economic environment made fresh investment plans tentative, with many in the private sector opting to wait and watch. However, we believe this will be reversed soon and the growth seen last year will continue in the second half," he said.

Fresh investment in manufacturing dipped 26.4% in Q1 with noticeable falls in sectors such as textiles, basic chemicals, cement, and metals. Investments in electronics and automobiles continued to grow at last year's pace.

Mining and electricity investments grew at a robust 46.4% and 84%, respectively, but fresh outlays for infrastructure services and utilities fell 32.4%. Investments in transport sectors saw a sharp fall too.

Investments drop

The table lists the change in new project investments in Q1FY23 over Q4FY22. New investments fell by 20.5% with foreign investments recording the steepest drop

Ownership	Change (%)	Sectors	Change (%)
Government	-3.6	Manufacturing	-26.4
Central govt.	1.6	Mining	46.4
State govt.	-6.9	Electricity	83.9
Private sector	-30.7	Services	-32.4
Private (Indian)	-19.9	Irrigation	208.4
Private (Foreign)	-58.9	**Total**	-20.5
Total	**-20.5**		

SOURCE: PROJECTS TODAY

Rhea handed over ganja to Sushant: NCB

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

The Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) has charged actor Rhea Chakraborty with receiving and delivering marijuana to her boyfriend, late actor Sushant Singh Rajput.

On June 14, 2020, Rajput was found dead in his apartment. Ms. Chakraborty was then arrested on abetment to suicide charge and other sections under the Indian Penal Code and granted bail later.

In its draft charges filed on Wednesday, the NCB said she received multiple deliveries of ganja from the co-accused, including her brother Showik, and gave them to Rajput. "She paid for those deliveries at the instance of Showik and Rajput during March 2020-September 2020."

IN BRIEF

IS-linked 'Amaq' issues video of Srinagar attack

SRINAGAR

Amaq, a portal linked to the Islamic State (IS), on Wednesday released a purported video online where an attacker aims a gun at a policemen from a close range apparently in Srinagar. The attack left one policeman dead and two injured on Tuesday. The video showed the attacker coming close to a police vehicle and firing from a close range

Girl, who wrote pro-ULFA poem, may miss exam

GUWAHATI

Human rights defenders have appealed to the Assam government to release a college student, Barshashree Buragohain, jailed about two months ago for allegedly penning a pro-ULFA(I) poem, in order to let her appear for her examination. Ms. Barshashree was picked up by the police on May 17 from Uriamghat in the adjoining Golaghat district for posting "anti-national" poems on social media.

CBI arrests businessman in DHFL case

NEW DELHI

The CBI has arrested a Mumbai-based businessman, Ajay Ramesh Nawandar, in connection with the ₹34,615-crore bank fraud case involving DHFL, its promoters and others. During the searches on July 8, the agency had seized two paintings estimated to be worth about ₹35 crore, besides luxurious watches worth ₹1 crore and other articles from the suspect.

Bhatt remanded in police custody till July 20

AHMEDABAD

An Ahmedabad court on Wednesday remanded former IPS officer Sanjiv Bhatt in police custody till July 20 in the forgery and evidence fabrication case related to the 2002 riots in Gujarat. He was produced before the Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate. The police sought 14-day remand to find out the alleged conspiracy he and two other suspects hatched to target top functionaries.

Ahead of monsoon session, govt. calls for all-party meeting

Agnipath scheme to be front and centre of Opposition attack in Parliament

SOBHANA K. NAIR
NEW DELHI

The government has called an all-party meeting on Sunday ahead of the monsoon session of Parliament. Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla and Rajya Sabha Chairman M. Venkaiah Naidu will also be meeting the floor leaders of the respective Houses.

The Opposition parties, hit by the dwindling support for their presidential candidate Yashwant Sinha, have decided to regroup and are likely to have a strategy meet on Sunday.

According to sources, Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge has telephoned several Opposition leaders calling for a meeting on Sunday immediately after the government's all-party meeting. The recently announced military recruitment scheme Agnipath will be the front and centre of the Opposition's attack on the government.

The Opposition has consistently asked the government to roll back the scheme.

The election for the President will be held on the first day of the session on July 18. This will also be the last session for Mr. Naidu in his current term, which is ending on August 10. The election for the Vice-President's post will be held on August 6.

The all-party meeting will be held on Sunday ahead of the monsoon session of Parliament. • FILE PHOTO

So far, both the ruling BJP and the Opposition have not named their candidates. The government is confident of winning both the elections with sizeable margins.

It will also see the rearranged Opposition equation in the Rajya Sabha. The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) is now the fourth largest Opposition party in the House along with the DMK.

There will be no member from the Akali Dal and only a single member from the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP). The Opposition leaders though have very little confidence in utility of the meetings called by the government and the Presiding Officers.

'No discussion'

"The Union government will not allow a discussion on any people-centric issue in Parliament. They run scared. They make a mockery of Parliament. So these pre-session meetings are a sham," Rajya Sabha Parliamentary Party leader for Trinamool Congress, Derek O' Brien, told *The Hindu*.

RJD leader Manoj K. Jha echoed similar views. "Over the years, these meetings have been reduced to periodic rituals. The agreements that the Opposition and the government arrive at these meetings are rarely implemented during the session," Mr. Jha said.

DMK MP Tiruchi Siva said these meetings were called by the government to apprise the Opposition of its agenda and to hear about the Opposition's concerns. But both of these aims haven't been fulfilled. The government Bills are pushed at the last minute without keeping the Opposition in loop.

"In the past, our demands to send key legislation like the farm Bill to a Parliamentary Select Committee was ignored. So one definitely is sceptical about the utility of such meetings," Mr. Siva said.

Mr. Om Birla has convened the meeting of floor leaders on Saturday, while Mr. Naidu will meet the floor leaders of various parties on Sunday.

The session will meet under COVID-19 protocol. The monsoon session of Parliament begins on July 18 and will continue till August 12.

BJP is unleashing a 'litany of falsehood', says Ansari

Party leader raises charge over Pak. journalist's statement

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Hours after a press conference by an official spokesperson of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), in which he demanded to know whether the claims made by Pakistani journalist Nusrat Mirza that former Vice-President Hamid Ansari shared secret information with him were true, Mr. Ansari responded that a "litany of falsehood" had been unleashed against him "by the media and by the official spokesperson of the BJP".

The controversy, foregrounded by BJP spokesperson Gaurav Bhatia at a press conference held at the party's headquarters in New Delhi, concerned the claims and comments made by Mr. Mirza, wherein he said that he had been invited to India five times, and that sensitive information on national security had been shared with him by Mr. Ansari. Mr. Bhatia demanded that the Congress party that had led the then United Progressive Alliance (UPA) government at the Centre come clean on the issue.

Mr. Ansari released a strongly worded statement in response to this accusation, and another allegation that he had compromised a Research and Analysis Wing (RAW) operative while he was the Ambassador to Iran. "Yesterday and today a litany of falsehood has been unleashed on me personally in the sections of the media and by the official spokesperson of the BJP," he said in his statement. "It is a known fact that invitation to foreign dignitaries by the Vice-President of India are on the advice of the Government generally through the Ministry of External Affairs. I had inaugurated on December 11, 2010, the 'International Conference of Jurists on International Terrorism and Human Rights'. As is normal practice the list of invitees would have been drawn by the organisers. I never invited him or met him [Mr. Mirza]."

Hamid Ansari

On the accusations with regard to exposing an RAW operative, Mr. Ansari said his "work as Ambassador to Iran was at all times within the knowledge of the government of the day. The Government of India has all the information and is the only authority to tell the truth. It is a matter of record that after my stint in Teheran I was appointed India's Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York. My work there has been acknowledged at home and abroad."

Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh, in a statement, said that "insinuations and innuendos by a spokesperson of the BJP against Mr. Ansari and Congress president Sonia Gandhi amount to character assassination of the worst form. He alleged, "The levels that the Prime Minister and his party colleagues will stoop to debase public debate and spread their patented brand of lies is staggering. It reflects sickness of mind and lack of any form of integrity whatsoever."

Mamata meets Assam CM in Darjeeling

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
KOLKATA

Ahead of the election to the office of President, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Wednesday met her Assam counterpart Himata Biswa Sarma in Darjeeling. The meeting took place in the presence of West Bengal Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar at the Raj Bhavan.

Ms. Banerjee said there was no political discussion between them. The Trinamool Congress chairperson denied any discussion on the Presidential election.

"We should have good relations [with Assam]. There are many people from West Bengal who live in Assam and many people from Assam who live here. There is State government-to-State government links but we should also talk to each other," she said.

Mr. Sarma said he was visiting the Darjeeling hills at the invitation of Mr. Dhankhar.

While Ms. Banerjee was visiting the hills to participate in a number of events, including the swearing-in of newly elected Gorkhaland Territorial Administration members, Mr. Sarma's visit was a surprise.

Gyanvapi case: Masjid panel too seeks removal of advocate

One of the Hindu plaintiffs also filed similar application

ABHINAY LAKSHMAN
NEW DELHI

As the District Court in Varanasi continued hearing the ongoing Gyanvapi mosque-Kashi Vishwanath temple civil dispute, the Muslim side on Wednesday filed an application seeking that advocate Vishnu Shankar Jain, one of the lawyers leading the Hindu side, should be barred from appearing for the plaintiffs given his conflict of interest because of his position as Standing Counsel for U.P. government in the Supreme Court.

This came a day after one of the five original plaintiffs in the suits, Rakhi Singh, filed a similar application before district judge A.K. Vishvesha, alleging conflict of interest on the part of Mr. Jain. This application came a month after the split among the Hindu plaintiffs first appeared in May. Ms. Singh's uncle, Jitender Singh Visen, claiming to hold the power of attorney for her, had announced at the end of May that they would no longer be engaging Mr. Jain, his father and their team in the case.

> **We have sought that Vishnu Shankar Jain be barred from appearing for the plaintiffs in light of his position as a government lawyer**
>
> RAEES AHMED ANSARI
> Lawyer for Masjid panel

Advocate Raees Ahmed Ansari, one of the lawyers for the masjid panel, told *The Hindu*, "We received a copy of the application filed by Ms. Singh and filed our own application seeking that Vishnu Shankar Jain be barred from appearing for the plaintiffs in the suit in light of his position as a government lawyer."

Senior advocate Mumtaz Ahmed, part of the masjid panel's legal team, added, "He (Mr. Jain) cannot be a government lawyer and appear against the government in a suit. This falls under malpractice and we intend to file a complaint with the Bar Council also about this."

On Tuesday, Mr. Jain had told *The Hindu*, "There is no conflict," adding that he had secured a no-objection certificate from the Uttar Pradesh government on June 15.

These developments came as Mr. Jain and his father Hari Shankar Jain on Wednesday continued arguments opposing the masjid panel's application under Order VII Rule 11 of the Code of Civil Procedure, seeking a dismissal of the suit on maintainability.

Ms. Singh's lawyer, advocate Shivam Gaur, said they will lead arguments against the masjid panel's application separately after the Jains conclude theirs on behalf of the four other plaintiffs. The matter will be taken up next on July 14.

Ajoy Kumar's comments on Murmu triggers spat

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Congress leader Ajoy Kumar triggered a a controversy on Wednesday after he described the National Democratic Alliance's (NDA) Presidential candidate Droupadi Murmu as a "decent person" but representing an "evil philosophy of India".

Hitting back at the Congress, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leaders tweeted that the comment against Ms. Murmu represented "Congress's evil philosophy of entitlement".

Amit Malviya, head of the BJP's Information Technology cell, tweeted a 10-second clip of Mr. Kumar in which the Congress leader is heard saying: "She [Ms. Murmu] represents an evil philosophy of India and shouldn't be made an Adivasi symbol of India."

Mr. Malviya tweeted: "At a time when the NDA, led by PM Modi, has announced Smt Draupadi Murmu, a woman from Adivasi samaj, as its nominee for the President's office, a move that will significantly empower the Tribals, Congress leader calls her evil by association! Just because she is a Tribal. Shame."

The clip shared by him, however was a shorter version of a comment Mr. Kumar made to *ANI*, a news agency. In the 57-second clip, Mr. Kumar said: "It's not about Droupadi Murmu. It's not about comparing the two candidates. Yashwant Sinha-*ji* is also a good candidate and Droupadi Murmu-*ji* is also a decent person. But she represents a very evil philosophy of India. We should not make her a symbol of Adivasi." He goes on to ask: "Ram Nath Kovind is the President and Hathras has happened, has he said a word? The condition of Scheduled Castes has become worse, has he said a word?"

The Congress officially, however, stayed away from the bitter war of words that played out on social media, even as it accused BJP leaders of sharing a "doctored video".

Withdraw new forest rules: Cong.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Alleging that the new forest conservation rules "violate" the Forest Rights Act (FRA), 2006, the Congress on Wednesday wrote to the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST) to urge the Central government to withdraw them in public interest.

In a letter to NCST chairperson Harsh Chouhan, the All India Congress Committee (AICC) national coordinator for SC, ST, OBC and Minority departments, K. Raju, said the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) notified the new Forest (Conservation) Rules, 2022, on June 29, without holding any public consultation with stakeholders.

The party alleged that the new rules would lead to disempowerment of Scheduled Tribes (STs) and other traditional forest dwellers and fuel conflict in tribal areas.

BJP govt. is sleeping over inflation, says Congress

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman is more interested in Uranus and Pluto than tackling inflationary trends, the Congress said on Wednesday.

Addressing a press conference a day after the government released the latest inflation figures, party spokesperson Gourav Vallabh took a dig at Ms. Sitharaman for tweeting pictures of the galaxy taken by NASA's James Webb telescope instead of sharing her plan for containing inflation.

Gourav Vallabh

'Society polarised'

"She has an interest in Pluto, Jupiter and Uranus. Unfortunately, our Finance Minister is showing the way to Pluto, Uranus and Jupiter and is unable to show the way forward to our economy," Mr. Vallabh said. He also accused the Modi government of polarising society and creating divides instead of dealing with rising inflation, unemployment and a depreciating rupee.

Mr. Vallabh alleged that the BJP has brought about a "doom" with the "7s" – retail inflation is at 7.01%; Reserve Bank of India's projection for inflation is 7.4% for the next quarter; unemployment is at 7.8%; and the Rupee depreciated 7% versus the American dollar in the last six months.

"While these are worrying data points, the BJP government is in deep slumber," he said, adding, "What has the government done to bring relief to the common Indian as far as inflation is concerned...increasing GST (Goods and Services Tax) on items such as flour will only propel inflation."

Army foils infiltration attempt in Poonch

JAMMU

The Army on Wednesday said a major infiltration bid was foiled in the Pir Panjal valley's Poonch district in the Jammu province. "During the midnight hours, there was an infiltration attempt along Line of Control in Poonch sector. The attempt was suitably foiled by the alert troops," the Army said. An operation has been launched and the entire area cordoned off to track any infiltrators. The number of casualties is being ascertained.

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With reference to the above Tender Notification No: EE/CMP/TEND/E-Proc/07/2022-23, Dated: 29-06-2022 due to Technical Reason calendar of events has been revised as mention below.
1) Last Date and Time for Receipt of Tenders: 25-07-2022 upto 4.00 PM. 2) Pre Bid Meeting Document: 22-07-2022 at 4.00 PM. 3) Opening of Technical Bid Document: 26-07-2022 at 4.15 PM. 4) Opening of Financial Bid Document: 28-07-2022 at 4.15 PM (if possible). All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.
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(CONSTRUCTION ORGANISAITON)
TENDER NOTICE No. TBM-SG-CN-2022-23-01-OT-RT Dated: 11.07.2022
For and on behalf of The President of India, The Deputy Chief Signal & Telecommunication Engineer, Construction, Southern Railway, Tambaram invites e-tender for the following works:

Item No.	Name of the Work
1	Shifting and relocating of Signalling and Telecommunication cables in connection with fourth line work between Chennai Egmore and Chennai Beach Jn. of Chennai Division.

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SOUTHERN RAILWAY
(TIRUCHCHIRAPPALLI DIVISION)
E-TENDER NOTICE No. T-SG-36-I-7-8-2022-2023 Dated: 12.07.2022
Sr. Divisional Signal & Telecommunication Engineer, Southern Railway, Tiruchchirappalli invites online tender for and on behalf of The President of India, for the following works up to 14.00 hrs on 03.08.2022 & 04.08.2022.

Item No.	Tender Notice No.	Name of the Work
1	T-SG-36-I-7-2022-2023	Provision of Mini IPS at mid section interlocked LC gates on VM-VRI-TPJ & VM-KPD sections over Tiruchchirappalli Division.
2	T-SG-36-I-8-2022-2023	S&T works in connection with various Engineering works over TPJ Division.

Item No.	Cash Value in Lakhs of Rupees	Earnest Money Deposit Amt	Validity Offer	Closing Date and Time	Period of Completion in months
1	₹ 23.07 Lakhs	₹ 46,200/-	60 Days	03.08.2022 @ 14:00 Hrs	Four Months
2	₹ 133.81 Lakhs	₹ 2,18,900/-	60 Days	04.08.2022 @ 14:00 Hrs	Twelve Months

If the date of opening of tenders happens to be a declared holiday at a later date, the tenders will be opened on the next working day at the stipulated time. The detailed Tender Notice, Tender document along with terms & conditions and if any corrigendum to tender is issued can be accessed through https://www.ireps.gov.in/. GST will apply as per extent norms of GOI.
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James Webb Space Telescope's first images show a stunning range

Be it the visuals of deep space 13 billion light years away or that of an exoplanet 1,000 light years away, the pictures show extraordinary clarity

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"Somewhere something incredible is waiting to be known!" NASA administrator Bill Nelson aptly quoted these words of Carl Sagan at a worldwide online event organised to release the first science images sent home by the James Webb Space Telescope (JWST). Whether this incredible revelation will have to do with the birth of stars; the most distant galaxies that formed within less than a billion years of the Big Bang; or the presence of biomarkers in the atmosphere of exoplanets (planets outside our solar system), only time can tell.

The five images that were released were carefully selected, to align with the scientific goals of the mission, from about 700 pictures of the cosmos that JWST had collected soon after its launch on December 25, 2021.

In the order in which they were released, the five images were the following: a deep field picture in which the telescope gazed into a galaxy cluster that is about 13.1 billion light years away; a hot gaseous exoplanet that is about 1,000 light years away – a spectrum of its atmosphere which carried the chemical fingerprint of water vapour; a violent explosion that marked the death of a massive star, known as the Southern Ring; a group picture of five galaxies – Stephan's Quintet, about 300 million light years away and a picture of Carina nebula, which is 7,600 light years away, showing crops of new stars being born.

The extent of clarity in these images could be felt as zooming into the images revealed more and more detail of the stars, galaxies and gaseous dust.

Full of information

"It's a set of amazing images. Every image looks so beautiful but it is also full of information," says Jessie Jose from the physics department of the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER), Tirupati.

She is a member of a large collaboration whose proposal has been accepted for observations using JWST. "Among these pictures released by NASA, the one of Carina nebula is the one I was most moved by," she says. "If you zoom into it you will see lots of features – such as nebulae, lots of newborn stars, jets and outflows from these young stars. it's a star-formation nursery."

Star trek: This image provided by NASA on Tuesday shows Stephan's Quintet, a visual grouping of five galaxies captured by the Webb Telescope's Mid-Infrared Instrument. • AP

The electromagnetic spectrum is made up of light of many wavelengths ranging from x-ray, ultraviolet and visible to infrared and mid-infrared wavelengths, to name a few. On Earth, we mostly get only the visible light of the sun, as our atmosphere filters out the others. Similarly, every celestial body emits light in all wavelengths. JWST has onboard instruments that sense light in the infrared mainly 0.6 micron to 28 microns. It has multiple cameras in this regime. Some of these cameras capture images while others capture the spectral details. Since infrared light can penetrate the clouds of dust that surround celestial objects, many features that cannot be imaged with visible light cameras would show themselves to the JWST.

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"There have been other missions like COBE, WMAP, Planck in the past which looked deep into space and got information about what happened about a few hundred million years after the Big Bang. But these were not images of the stars and galaxies formed in the beginning. JWST will be able to give us details about those first stars and galaxies that formed in the universe post Big Bang" says Dr. Jose.

Manoj Puravankara from Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Mumbai, is also a part of another team that has been selected to study stars being born that have masses in the range 0.1 to 12 times the mass of our sun.

He says, "JWST's unprecedented sensitivity, angular resolution and spectral resolution allow us to study various mass flows that shape and regulate the formation of stars and planetary systems."

Post-2015 birth certificates on DigiLocker

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Birth certificates of children born after August 2015 that were issued through the Civil Registration System (CRS) portal has been integrated with DigiLocker, a government-run mobile application that acts as a document wallet. Registered users on DigiLocker will be able to access the birth certificates online.

DigiLocker is a platform to issue and verify government documents and certificates digitally.

CRS is an online system for registration of births and deaths under the operational control of the Centre. The Registrar General of India under the Ministry of Home Affairs operates the system.

Several States such as Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal register all births and deaths through the Centre's portal. Others such as Gujarat, Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan, Punjab, Nagaland, Mizoram, Meghalaya, Kerala, Karnataka, Goa, Arunachal Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh have their own system or use the portal partially. The Union Territories such as Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Chandigarh, Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu register through the Central portal but others such as Delhi, Lakshadweep, Puducherry and J&K have their own system.

'India has achieved clean energy targets 9 years before deadline'

We have installed 162 GW of renewable energy capacity, says Power Minister

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India has achieved clean energy targets nine years ahead of schedule, Union Power Minister R.K. Singh said at the Sydney Energy Forum in Sydney on Wednesday.

India has installed 162 GW (1 GW is 1,000 MW) of renewable energy capacity, which is 41% of the 402 GW of electricity installed.

"We reached this target on November 2021 and what our Prime Minister did was ask us to raise our ambition and so in Glasgow (at the UN COP-21) our Prime Minister committed to installing 500 GW of renewable energy by 2030, which would then be 50% of the installed capacity. Despite having among the lowest per capita emissions in the world, we have invested in this energy transition because our traditions teach us to respect and care for our environment. We are not doing this for economic reasons," Mr. Singh said.

In 2015, India committed to ensuring that 40% of its energy would be from renewable sources by 2030. • FILE PHOTO

In 2015, India committed to ensuring that 40% of its energy would be from renewable sources by 2030 as part of its Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC).

Ministers from the United States, Japan, India, Indonesia, and the Pacific Island nation of Samoa are attending the forum along with leaders of major companies that are committed to low emissions technologies.

The forum, said a statement from the Australian government, will "foster connections between investors, business and government with a focus on innovations in key clean energy technologies such as solar, hydrogen, critical minerals and batteries".

The energy crisis that has gripped the world has been "some time in the making" and not only due to the Russia-Ukraine war but because of the "cartelisation in the fossil fuel industry."

He said that renewable energy promised to break these cartels though it was possible that there would be newer such cartels forming in manufacturing and equipment and the world would have to take steps to ensure that these do not coalesce.

Now, some SpiceJet pilots give call for 'mass sick leave'

They are unhappy over massive pay cuts, lapses in PF

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A section of SpiceJet pilots have given a call for a "mass sick leave" on Thursday in protest against pay cuts at the airline in the past two years.

Pilot sources said that they were unhappy over massive pay cuts the airline continued to impose which amounted to a deduction equivalent of "70%" of their pre-pandemic salary. Pilots also claim that the airline has been deducting contributions towards provident fund and tax deducted at source but was not depositing them with the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) and the Income Tax Department. Pilots claim provident fund lapses since 2020.

Sources said that nearly 43 first officers and pilots had reported sick on Thursday.

Sources also said that there was anger over several "arbitrary" terminations and forced resignation of pilots at the airline.

Employee sources said that nearly 43 first officers and pilots had reported sick on Thursday. The airline has nearly 800 pilots. A SpiceJet spokesperson though denied that pilots had reported sick. It remains to be seen whether this will impact the airline's flights across its network which covers over 50 destinations.

The uproar among pilots follows a rap from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation last week which has served a show-cause on the airline underlining that the airline's weak financial status was resulting in its failure to carry out maintenance and procure spare parts from vendors resulting in "degraded" safety leading to several mid-air incidents and an accident since April.

There are similar agitations at IndiGo and GoFirst where technicians have stayed away from work since last week. A "mass sick leave" by nearly 300 cabin crew members at IndiGo resulted in 55% of its flights getting delayed on July 2.

Push for wider use of genomics in all countries

WHO report calls for plugging gaps in financing, infrastructure

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The World Health Organization's Science Council, in its first report, has called for accelerating access to genomics across the world.

The report argues that it is not justifiable ethically or scientifically for countries with lesser resources to gain access to such technologies long after the rich countries do. The field of genomics tries to use human genetic material to study and research cures and treatments for medical conditions, and is used in a wide range of applications in animal sciences, and agriculture.

Expanding access

After the WHO constituted the Science Council of experts in April 2021 to provide guidance on the science and research strategy of the organisation, it identified genomics as the focus of its first report. The report calls for expanding access to genomic technologies, particularly in low- and middle-income nations, by addressing shortfalls in financing, laboratory infrastructure, materials, and highly trained personnel. Noting that the costs of setting up genomic technologies are definitely heading south, making them all that more affordable, it is essential to lower them further, it said.

Harold Varmus, a Nobel Laureate and former Director of the U.S. National Institutes of Health, who also chairs the Science Council said: "It is already clear that genomics can make enormous contributions to human health, from surveying populations for infectious agents, such as the virus that causes COVID-19, to predicting and treating a wide variety of diseases, such as cancers and developmental disorders."

WHO Chief Scientist Soumya Swaminathan said: "Genomic technologies are driving some of the most ground-breaking research happening today. Yet the benefits of these tools will not be fully realised unless they are deployed worldwide. Only through equity can science reach its full potential impact and improve health for everyone, everywhere."

The report also makes a series of recommendations addressing four themes – advocacy, implementation, collaboration, and associated ethical, legal and social issues – to promote wider use of genomics.

Couple arrested with 45 guns at Delhi airport

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Customs Department has arrested an Indian couple at the Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport here on the charge of attempting to smuggle in 45 guns brought from France.

Those arrested have been identified as Jagjit Singh and Jaswinder Kaur, residents of Defence Colony in Haryana's Gurugram. They, along with their 18-month-old daughter, arrived at Terminal-3 on July 11 from Ho Chi Minh in Vietnam. During interrogation, the duo said they had earlier smuggled in 25 such guns valued at ₹12.5 lakh from Turkey.

Customs Commissioner (Airport & General) Zubair Riaz Kamili said Mr. Jagjit's elder brother Manjit Singh was also involved in the July 11 smuggling bid. However, Mr. Manjit slipped out of the airport. The 45 "assorted brand" guns were estimated to be worth ₹22.5 lakh.

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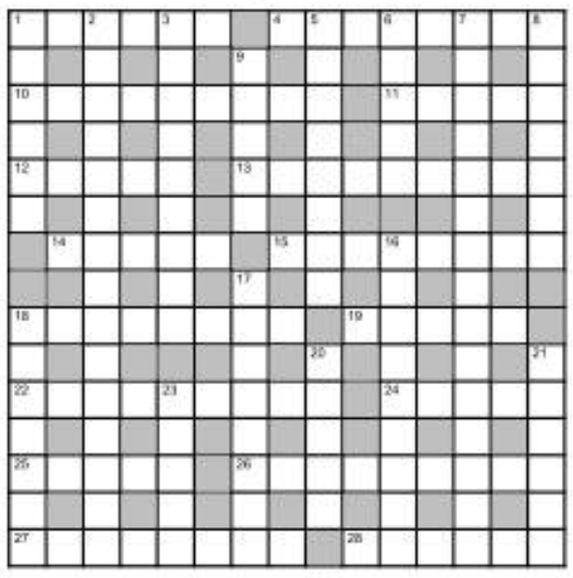

Across

1 Change over time, on the inside, become a believer (6)
4 Move faster with extremely nonlinear manoeuvres (8)
10 Celebrated having extremely rare, this unending success! (4,5)
11 Frank word with them could result in love match (5)
12 Although a Zionist at heart, one fights 'infidels' (5)
13 Take new, prettier models (9)
14 Riddle is – "Base never rejects 'fringe' elements" (5)
15 America's retracting statements over time, creates doubts (8)
18 Being in the business of grabbing power, needed basic skill with words (8)
19 Game of life – wanting energy and love (5)
22 Top social rank of someone like John (9)
24 Love – an unknown and infinite thought, something like water or sand (5)
25 Turning old and contemplative, extremely gently (5)
26 Drink goes in! Starts to talk gibberish (9)
27 Bird tore like crazy (8)
28 Bird that sounds like seal (6)

Down

1 Veil's dropping occasionally, time to see face (6)
2 Traded natural oil, raced to make good profit (4,1,4,6)
3 Grieve endlessly inside after turning up for rescue operation (9)
5 Just Mr. Spooner's battle order (8)
6 Certainly not seen in online version (5)
7 Programmed training of camera (eye) of computer, basically comprehending essence of countenance (4,11)
8 Describes endless calm surrounding dead (7)
9 Endless evaluation for an oil extract used in cancer therapy (5)
16 Quiet town in Hawaii, long off north, extremely seemly for kind of communication study (9)
17 Infinitely enjoy clue about Soviet leader (5,3)
18 Outrage at small jail by the lake in Srinagar (7)
20 ...means a __ (5)
21 Stick etc. used around husbands (6)
23 Slight effect, right away (4)

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Solution to puzzle 13607

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Creation and dissolution

What are the attributes of the Supreme One? Vishnu Purana defines the nature of the Supreme One, said Akkarakkani Srinidhi, in a discourse. This Purana, known as Purana ratna, gem among the Puranas, says that He who controls creation and dissolution of the world, He who knows what knowledge and lack of knowledge are – that One is the Paramatma. In the Bhagavad Gita, Lord Krishna tells Arjuna that He creates everything through His will, and during the great deluge everything enters moolaprakrti. Brahma has a limited time period of existence. When Brahma's life ends, all sentient and non-sentient entities enter into moolaprakrti. At the end of the time cycle, the entities are again sent forth by the Lord. Lord Krishna also knows all the kaalaas – past, present and future. Again in the Bhagavad Gita, Krishna says that there are people who know the ritual portion of the Vedas, but are ignorant of Vedanta. They perform yagas, not realising the Supremacy of Lord Narayana. They do not know that devas like Indra, who are propitiated through yagas, constitute the body of the Lord. The ritual section of the Vedas simply tells us how to perform yagas, what rules are to be followed etc. It is the Vedanta portion which tells us that these devas are the body of the Lord. In fact the entire Universe is His body.

Those people, who are ignorant of Vedanta, go to svarga, where they enjoy the pleasures available there. But this is only until their punyas last. Once their merits have been used up, they are born again in the world, and become part of the samsaric cycle. But there are also those who seek only the Lord, and Lord Krishna tells Arjuna that to such people He gives the boon of being with Him always. In other words, He grants them moksha.

The rise and fall of Gotabaya Rajapaksa

The President was last of six members of the country's most influential family still clinging to power

ASSOCIATED PRESS
COLOMBO

Before he fled Sri Lanka on Wednesday amid a crushing economic crisis, President Gotabaya Rajapaksa was the last of six members of the country's most influential family still clinging to power.

Mr. Gotabaya, his wife and two bodyguards flew to the city of Male, the capital of the Maldives, according to an immigration official. His departure comes four days after massive crowds broke into his official residence and occupied his seaside office, and he pledged to leave the country.

Happier days: Sri Lankan President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, right, swearing in his elder brother, Mahinda, as Sri Lanka's Prime Minister on August 9, 2020. • AFP

For decades, the powerful land-owning Rajapaksa family had dominated local politics in their rural southern district before Mahinda Rajapaksa was elected President in 2005. Appealing to the nationalist sentiment of the island's Buddhist-Sinhalese majority, he led Sri Lanka into a triumphant victory over ethnic Tamil rebels in 2009, ending a 26-year brutal civil war that had divided the country. His younger brother, Gotabaya, was a powerful official and military strategist in the Ministry of Defence.

Mr. Mahinda remained in office until 2015, when he lost to the Opposition led by his former aide. But the family made a comeback in 2019, when Mr. Gotabaya won the Presidential election on a promise to restore security in the wake of the Easter Sunday terrorist suicide bombings that killed 290 people. He vowed to bring back the muscular nationalism that had made his family popular with the Buddhist majority, and to lead the country out of an economic slump with a message of stability and development.

Series of mistakes

Instead, he made a series of fatal mistakes that ushered in an unprecedented crisis.

As tourism plunged in the wake of the bombings and foreign loans on controversial development projects – including a port and an airport in the president's home region – needed to be repaid, Mr. Gotabaya didn't listen to economic advisers and pushed through the largest tax cuts in the country's history. It was meant to spur spending, but critics warned it would slash the government's finances. Pandemic lockdowns and an ill-advised ban on chemical fertilizers further hurt the fragile economy.

The country soon ran out of money and couldn't repay its huge debts. Shortages of food, cooking gas, fuel and medicine stoked public anger at what many saw as mismanagement, corruption and nepotism.

Mr. Gotabaya's tenure was marked by policy U-turns. Critics say he has revoked more than 100 government decrees, earning him the moniker "Gazette Reverse". He abandoned democratic reforms of the previous administration and made the Presidency more powerful, but in the final months of his Presidency agreed to return those powers to parliament.

The family's unravelling began in April, when growing protests forced three Rajapaksa relatives, including the Finance Minister, to quit their Cabinet posts and another to leave his ministerial job. In May, government supporters attacked protesters in a wave of violence that left nine dead. The anger of the protesters turned against Mr. Mahinda, who was pressured to resign as Prime Minister and took refuge on a heavily fortified naval base.

But Mr. Gotabaya refused to go, triggering chants in the streets of "Gota Go Home!"

Protests erupt in Maldives

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
MALÉ

Escaping Sri Lankan President Gotabaya Rajapaksa faced protests in the Maldives on Wednesday with dozens of compatriots urging Male not to provide him safe haven.

Sri Lankan expatriates carrying flags and placards denounced Mr. Gotabaya, who fled his country early on Wednesday. "Dear Maldivian friends, please urge your government not to safeguard criminals," said a banner held by Sri Lankans working in the islands' tiny capital.

Local media carried unverified videos of residents shouting insults at Mr. Gotabaya as he walked out of the Velana International airport following his arrival on a military aircraft.

Local reports suggested that Mr. Gotabaya was staying at an exclusive resort and would leave for either the United Arab Emirates or Singapore later on Wednesday.

The main Opposition Progressive Party of Maldives opposed the granting of free passage to Mr. Gotabaya, who faces several court cases, including allegations of war crimes.

Sunak tops first round of Tory race for Downing Street

Mordaunt in second place; Hunt and Zahawi out of contest

SRIRAM LAKSHMAN
LONDON

At the end of the first round of voting for a new party leader and the next Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, Conservative MPs on Wednesday sent six of the eight candidates to round two.

Former Health Secretary Jeremy Hunt and Nadhim Zahawi, who was appointed Chancellor eight days ago, did not get the minimum 30 votes needed from their colleagues and were sent out of the race.

Rishi Sunak, the former Chancellor who resigned from Prime Minister Boris Johnson's Cabinet on Tuesday last week, got 88 votes, with Trade Minister Penny Mordaunt in second place with 67 votes.

Rishi Sunak

Others who will go on to the second round, which will be held on Thursday, are Foreign Secretary Liz Truss (50 votes), former Equalities Minister Kemi Badenoch, Tom Tugendhat, who chairs the Foreign Affairs Committee in the British Parliament, and Attorney-General Suella Braverman.

In each subsequent round, the candidate with the fewest votes, will be eliminated, until a winner is declared on September 5.

China 'drives away' U.S. ship that sailed near disputed isles

REUTERS
BEIJING

A U.S. destroyer sailed near the disputed Paracel Islands in the South China Sea on Wednesday, drawing an angry reaction from Beijing, which said its military had "driven away" the ship.

The U.S. regularly carries out what it calls Freedom of Navigation Operations in the South China Sea challenging what it says are restrictions on innocent passage imposed by China and other claimants.

The U.S. Navy said the destroyer *USS Benfold* "asserted navigational rights and freedoms in the South China Sea near the Paracel Islands, consistent with international law".

The People's Liberation Army's Southern Theatre Command said the U.S. ship's actions seriously violated China's sovereignty and security by illegally entering China's territorial waters around the Paracels, which are also claimed by Vietnam and Taiwan. "The PLA's Southern Theatre Command organised sea and air forces to follow, monitor, warn and drive away" the ship, it added, showing pictures of the *Benfold* taken from the deck of the frigate the *Xianning*.

Fukushima ex-bosses told to pay $97 bn

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
TOKYO

A Tokyo court on Wednesday ordered former executives from the operator of the devastated Fukushima nuclear plant to pay 13.32 trillion yen ($97 billion) for failing to prevent the disaster, plaintiffs said.

Four ex-bosses from the Tokyo Electric Power Company were ordered to pay the damages in a suit brought by shareholders over the nuclear disaster triggered by a tsunami in 2011. Plaintiffs emerged from the court holding banners reading "responsibility recognised".

Lawyers for the plaintiffs hailed the ruling, and said they believed it to be the largest amount of compensation ever awarded in a civil lawsuit in Japan.

Turkey, Russia, Ukraine set to meet on grain exports

REUTERS
ISTANBUL

Russian, Ukrainian and Turkish military delegations are set to meet UN officials in Istanbul on Wednesday for talks on a possible deal to resume safe exports of Ukrainian grain from the major Black Sea port of Odessa as a global food crisis worsens.

Turkey has been working with the United Nations to broker a deal after Russia's February 24 invasion of Ukraine fuelled prices for grains, cooking oils, fuel and fertilizer.

"We are working hard indeed but there is still a way to go," UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres told reporters on Tuesday. "Many people are talking about it. We prefer to try and do it."

Ukraine and Russia are major global wheat suppliers, and Russia is also a large fertilizer exporter, while Ukraine is a significant producer of corn and sunflower oil. Diplomats say details of the plan under discussion include Ukrainian vessels guiding grain ships in and out through mined port waters; Russia agreeing to a truce while shipments move; and Turkey – supported by the United Nations – inspecting ships to allay Russian fears of weapons smuggling.

The Interfax news agency quoted Pyotr Ilyichev, head of the international organisations department at the Russian Foreign Ministry, as saying that Russia wants to control and inspect vessels to rule out "arms smuggling". He added that Russia is ready to facilitate the navigation of foreign commercial vessels to export Ukrainian grain.

Joe Biden kicks off West Asia tour in Israel

He says U.S. will continue to advance Israel's integration into the region

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
TEL AVIV

U.S. President Joe Biden on Wednesday kicked off a West Asia tour in Israel where both sides vowed to deepen the Jewish state's integration in the region as they face their common foe Iran.

Mr. Biden – whose first regional visit since taking office will also take him to Saudi Arabia – pledged strong backing for Israel, which has forged ties with several Arab states in recent years and hopes to do so with Riyadh as well.

"We'll continue to advance Israel's integration into the region," Mr. Biden said after Air Force One touched down at Ben Gurion airport near Tel Aviv to a red-carpet welcome, while underscoring Washington's "bone deep" connection to the Jewish state.

"I'm proud to say that our relationship with the state of Israel is deeper and stronger in my view than it's ever been. With this visit, we're strengthening our connections even further," the President said.

Israel's caretaker Prime Minister Yair Lapid said that "we will discuss building a new security and economy architecture" with the nations of West Asia, following U.S.-brokered accords in 2020 with the UAE, Bahrain and Morocco.

"And we will discuss the need to renew a strong global coalition that will stop the Iranian nuclear programme," he added, amid ongoing efforts by world powers to salvage Iran's frayed 2015 nuclear deal.

Warm welcome: Israeli President Isaac Herzog looks on as PM Yair Lapid fist bumps with U.S. President Joe Biden. • REUTERS

Mr. Biden's visit to Saudi Arabia on Friday will be the major focus of the tour, after he slammed the oil-rich kingdom over the 2018 murder of dissident Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi.

The trip is seen as part of efforts to stabilise oil markets rattled by the war in Ukraine, through a re-engagement with a long-time key U.S. strategic ally and major energy supplier.

After Mr. Biden landed, Israel's military showed him its new Iron Beam defence system, an anti-drone laser it claims is crucial to countering Iran's fleet of unmanned aerial vehicles.

Israel insists it will do whatever is necessary to thwart Iran's nuclear ambitions, and remains staunchly opposed to a restoration of the 2015 deal that gave Tehran sanctions relief.

Iran's President Ebrahim Raisi warned earlier on Wednesday that if Mr. Biden's goal on the trip was to bolster Israel's security, his "efforts will not create security for the Zionists in any way".

After the Israeli military showcase, the U.S. presidential motorcade headed to Jerusalem, where Mr. Biden visited the Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial, meeting with survivors of the Nazi genocide and inscribing a note that read: "We must never, ever, forget, because hate is never defeated."

Israel has raised 1,000 flags across Jerusalem to welcome the U.S. leader, who has not reversed former President Donald Trump's controversial decision to recognise the city as the capital of the Jewish state.

Mr. Biden, 79, will also meet Palestinian leaders angered by what they describe as Washington's failure to curb Israeli aggression.

I2U2 can become a regional feature like Quad: Sullivan

'India one of the most strategically consequential countries'

SRIRAM LAKSHMAN

The U.S. believes that 'I2U2', a group comprising India, Israel, the U.S., and the UAE, can become "a feature" of the West Asian region, just like the Quad is for the Indo-Pacific.

This idea was articulated by U.S. National Security Adviser Jake Sullivan on board Air Force One, *en route* to Israel with U.S. President Joe Biden.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is scheduled to meet virtually with Mr. Biden, Israeli Prime Minister Yair Lapid and UAE President Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan on Thursday.

"And we think I2U2 can become a feature of the broader region, just as the Quad has become a central pillar of the Indo-Pacific strategy of the United States," Mr. Sullivan told the travelling press as per a transcript released by the White House.

His remarks were made in response to a question on what the objective was in bringing India "into so many issues" such as the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework, the Quad and I2U2.

Jake Sullivan

I2U2, which was launched last autumn, has been called the "West Asian Quad" by some commentators.

Mr. Sullivan said India was one of the most "strategically consequential countries" in the Indo-Pacific and therefore "should" play a central role in U.S. strategy. India also had a long-standing relationship with the Gulf countries and Israel, he said, adding that the U.S. was looking forward to Mr. Modi's participation in the I2U2 summit.

India and the West Asian countries in I2U2 could come together and work on agricultural technology, an example of Mr. Biden's vision for West Asia, according to Mr. Sullivan.

He said Mr. Biden had a vision for a globally integrated West Asian region, one that is not "just focused on issues that have been top of mind for American foreign policymakers over the last 20 years – terrorism and wars".

Mr. Sullivan said there would be a "significant" announcement around food security and agricultural technology from the I2U2 meeting, as this was an area where there was a current crisis that the four countries could come together to address.

Russian oil

With regard to price caps for Russian oil, the U.S. is engaging not just with the EU and the U.K. but also "key consuming countries" and others, including India and China, Mr. Sullivan said.

The U.S. was being "transparent, direct, and straightforward with the major consuming countries" about reducing Russian revenues while minimising economic disruptions globally, in the countries concerned, and the U.S., Mr. Sullivan said.

He indicated that the discussions were unlikely to conclude in days. The G7 group of the world's advanced economies had agreed to explore the issue of oil caps when it met last month in Germany.

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Request for Proposal for Selection of Contractor for "Construction of New Integrated Command and Control Centre (ICCC) (Green Building) at Office of the Commissioner of Police, Vepery, Chennai-07" under Safe City Project (Nirbhaya fund).	EMD Amount: INR.54,47,707/-
Tender publishing date and time : 14-07-2022 at 3.30 p.m.	
Tender last date and time of submission : 04-08-2022 upto 4 p.m.	
Bid document will be available in website https://tntenders.gov.in	
Tender opening date and time : 04-08-2022 at 4.15 pm.	

Dy. Commissioner of Police, HQRS,
Greater Chennai Police (Tender Inviting Authority)

DIPR/3383/Tender/2022

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF BANKING & FINANCE
Professional Development Centre – South Zone
No.94, Jawaharlal Nehru Road, Vadapalani, Chennai – 600 026.

NOTICE INVITING APPLICATION FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION OF ARCHITECTURAL CONSULTANCY FIRMS(ACF)

Indian Institute of Banking & Finance invites applications for the prequalification of Architectural Consultancy Firm (ACF) for rendering Comprehensive Architectural and Project Management Consultancy Services (PMC) for the proposed construction of Institutional building of built-up area of about 30,000 Sft in Chennai.

For further details and to download application format with terms & conditions, please visit IIBF website **www.iibf.org.in** under option Tender. Corrigendum, if any, will be published only in the website.

Chennai / 14.07.2022 Head – PDC(SZ)

NATIONAL HYDROLOGY PROJECT
STATE PROJECT MANAGEMENT UNIT (SPMU), ODISHA
HP Administrative Building, Unit-VIII, Delta Square, Bhubaneswar-751012
email: odishagwhp3@gmail.com

SHOPPING FOR GOODS
INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

BID Reference No.: NHP/OD-GW/STUDY/CENSUS/2022-23/33 Dated: 11th July 2022

The Joint Director (Geology), GWD& Procurement Officer (GW), NHP – Odisha, invites tenders through e-Procurement platform online from eligible bidders for the work: - **"Census Survey of Ground water abstraction structure in 6 (six) nos. Of semi critical blocks of Odisha using android mobile application of NHP-Odisha for the year 2022-23"**. Bidding documents are available online on **www.tendersodisha.gov.in** which is free of cost. Bidders are advised to participate in the bidding process as per instructions given in bidding document.

Bid Reference Procurement Plan Ref. no.	:	PP Pkg No:NHP-2021-2022-OD-798675
Bid Documents	:	Can be downloaded from Website https://tendersodisha.gov.in
Price of Bid Document	:	Free of cost
Start date of availability of Bid document Online	:	14.07.2022 at 11.30 hrs
Last Date of availability of Bid document Online	:	03.08.2022 at 14:00 hrs.
Start Date of e-Bid submission	:	27.07.2022 at 11:00 hrs.
Last date of e-Bid submission	:	03/08/2022 at 14:00 Hrs.
Time & Date of Online opening of bids in the portal	:	03.08.2022 at 15:00 Hrs.

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Sd/-Joint Director (Geology), GWD & Procurement Officer (GW), SPMU, NHP - Odisha

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GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT
Project Circle, Chennai - 600 016.

TENDER NOTICE

Letter No. Tender Notice 03 / 2022-2023 / SDO / Dated : 12.07.2022

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu **Item Rate tender through online only** will be received **upto 23.08.2022, 15.00** hours by the **Superintending Engineer (H) Projects Circle, Chennai** for **bridge work** in respect of **Vellore (H) Projects Division under Railway Works Programme 2016-17.**

Details of Name of works, approximate value of works, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available from **18.07.2022** onwards in the Government website **https://tntenders.gov.in.** If any Changes / Corrections / Amendments etc to the tender, it will be published on the above Government website only.

Superintending Engineer (H),
Projects Circle,
Chennai - 16.

DIPR/3353/Tender/2022

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

TYPE OF CONTRACT: RATE TENDER SYSTEM- LUMPSUM CONTRACT
(PRE QUALIFICATION TWO COVER SYSTEM)

TENDER NOTICE NO : 10 SE/BCMC (MW)/MDU/2022-2023/Dt:12.07.2022

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, sealed tenders are invited by **the Superintending Engineer, PWD Buildings (C&M) circle, (Medical works), Madurai** from the Registered Contractors of PWD for the following works noted below by the undersigned up to **3.00 PM** on **Dated 17.08.2022** The tenders so received as stated above Prequalification application only will be opened at **3.30 PM** on the same day. The tender schedule will be available for sale from **14.07.2022 to 16.08.2022 upto 5.45 PM** in the Circle Office

I) **Name of work:** 1) Construction of Hospital Block for Enhanced Care for Cardiac, Neural, Renal and Liver Disadvantaged population in Tirunelveli Medical College at Tirunelveli in Tirunelveli District. 2) Construction of Maternity Centre And Pediatric Block at Government General Hospital at Tenkasi in Tenkasi District. **II) Approx Values in Lakhs+GST :** 1)**5574.00** 2) **1920.00 III) E.M.D amount – 1) Rs.27,97,000/- & 2) Rs.9,70,000/- Executive Engineer, PWD,Buildings (C&M) Division, (Medical works), Tirunelveli** IV) Period of Completion-21 Months (Sl No.1), 20 Months (Sl No-2). V) Cost of Tender schedule +GST in Rs - Rs.15000 + GST (Sl No 1 & 2) VI) Eligible Registration of Contractors- - Class–I Limit above Rs.75.00 Lakhs. (Sl No - 1 & 2)

For further details and tender documents visit the website www.tenders.tn.gov.in and www.tntenders.gov.in.

Superintending Engineer,PWD.,
Buildings (C&M) Circle (Medical Works) Madurai

DIPR/ 3342 /TENDER/2022

MARKET WATCH

	13-07-2022	% CHANGE
Sensex	53,514	-0.69
US Dollar	79.81	-0.27
Gold	50,487	-0.18
Brent oil	98.55	-1.22

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Ports	726.75	-5.15
Apollo Hosp	3868.30	-61.40
Asian Paints	2941.20	48.00
Axis Bank	679.90	3.70
Bajaj Auto	3860.75	12.90
Bajaj Finserv	11770.20	-94.55
Bajaj Finance	5878.90	5.35
Bharti Airtel	643.50	-19.50
BPCL	310.50	1.85
Britannia Ind	3726.00	0.50
Cipla	953.35	17.60
Coal India	193.45	-0.45
Divis Lab	3778.80	91.35
Dr Reddys Lab	4501.60	17.90
Eicher Motors	2967.40	13.35
Grasim Ind	1399.15	19.10
HCL Tech	917.75	-10.05
HDFC	2165.05	-61.85
HDFC Bank	1357.85	-33.95
HDFC Life	539.50	-0.25
Hero MotoCorp	2843.35	-32.15
Hindalco	348.90	2.00
Hind Unilever	2497.75	48.20
ICICI Bank	753.20	-6.70
Indusind Bank	819.05	-28.00
Infosys	1444.45	5.85
ITC	294.05	1.35
JSW Steel	588.60	14.15
Kotak Bank	1742.05	23.10
L&T	1647.25	-6.50
M&M	1140.35	-6.30
Maruti Suzuki	8440.20	20.50
Nestle India Ltd.	18249.65	124.50
NTPC	148.60	1.50
ONGC	124.45	0.35
PowerGrid Corp	214.45	0.95
Reliance Ind	2377.55	-42.90
SBI Life	1139.85	0.10
State Bank	486.50	1.55
Shree Cement	19736.05	-226.05
Sun Pharma	860.15	8.55
Tata Consumer Products Ltd	762.55	6.10
Tata Motors	427.10	-3.45
Tata Steel	904.85	2.75
TCS	3038.75	-45.95
Tech Mahindra	990.05	-7.30
Titan	2111.40	-18.60
UltraTech Cement	5798.95	20.10
UPL	679.50	-0.70
Wipro	406.70	-2.45

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on July 13

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	79.43	79.75
Euro	79.86	80.18
British Pound	94.66	95.04
Japanese Yen (100)	57.94	58.17
Chinese Yuan	11.81	11.86
Swiss Franc	81.31	81.64
Singapore Dollar	56.55	56.79
Canadian Dollar	61.12	61.36
Malaysian Ringitt	17.90	17.98
Australian Dollar	53.96	54.18

Source: Indian Bank

India's imports from China rose to a record in first half of 2022

Exports to China slid 35%, making up only $9.57 bn of $67.08 bn in total trade

ANANTH KRISHNAN
BEIJING

India's imports from China reached a record $57.51 billion in the first half of the year, according to China's trade figures released on Wednesday. Imports of Chinese goods are on track for yet another record year, and set to surpass last year's $97.5 billion figure.

The trade imbalance is also on track for another record, with India's exports to China sliding 35% and accounting for only $9.57 billion of the total $67.08 billion in two-way trade.

Imports rose 34.5% in the first half from a year earlier.

Two-way trade in 2021 crossed $100 billion for the first time, reaching $125.6 billion, with India's imports accounting for $97.5 billion.

Record year: Two-way trade in 2021 had crossed $100 billion for the first time, reaching $125.6 billion. • REUTERS

'Dip due to pandemic'

Trade declined in 2020 on account of the pandemic but is now significantly up from pre-pandemic levels. India's biggest imports last year were electrical and mechanical machinery, chemicals used in industrial production, active pharmaceutical ingredients and auto components. India had also imported large quantities of medical supplies during the pandemic.

China's overall export performance in June rose 13.2%, with total trade rising 14.3%, compared with 9.5% growth in May, and a 0.1% increase in April, when many cities in the manufacturing heartland, including China's financial centre Shanghai, were dealing with stringent COVID-related lockdowns.

"In particular, the rapid recovery of imports and exports in the Yangtze River Delta led to a marked rebound in the overall growth of China's foreign trade," said Li Kuiwen, spokesperson for the General Administration of Customs.

U.S. June consumer inflation quickens to 41-year high of 9.1%

CPI jump reflects high costs for petrol, food and rent

REUTERS
WASHINGTON

U.S. consumer prices surged 9.1% in June, the largest increase in more than four decades amid stubbornly high costs for gasoline, food and rent, cementing the case for another 75-basis-point interest rate increase by the Federal Reserve this month.

The larger-than-expected increase in the year-on-year consumer price index reported by the Labor Department on Wednesday also reflected higher prices for healthcare, motor vehicles, apparel as well as household furniture.

The CPI increased by the most in almost 17 years on a monthly basis.

The inflation data followed on the heels of stronger-than-expected job growth in June and suggested that the Fed's aggressive monetary policy stance had made little progress so far in cooling domestic demand and bringing inflation down to its 2% target.

"Despite the Fed's best intentions, the economy looks to be moving into a higher inflation regime," said Christopher Rupkey, chief economist at FWDBONDS. "The Fed is even further behind the curve after today's sizzling report."

CPI rose 1.3% last month, the biggest monthly gain since September 2005, after advancing 1% in May. A 7.5% surge in energy prices accounted for almost half the increase in the CPI. Gasoline prices jumped 11.2% after rebounding by 4.1% in May.

The cost of electricity rose 1.7%. Food prices gained 1%.

In the 12 months through June, the CPI jumped 9.1%. That was the biggest gain since November 1981 and followed an 8.6% rise in May.

June PV sales rise 19% as chip supply improves

SIAM urges govt. to lower CNG prices

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

Passenger vehicle wholesales in India rose 19% year-on-year in June to 2,75,788 units on the back of improvement in semiconductor supplies, according to industry association SIAM.

Similarly, total two-wheeler wholesales increased to 13,08,764 units last month from 10,60,565 units, while three-wheeler sales grew to 26,701 units against 9,404 in June 2021.

Sales across segments rose to 16,11,300 units in June from 13,01,602 units in the same month last year.

"Recently, the government has taken significant measures to ease the inflationary pressure and help

the common man by reducing central excise duty on petrol and diesel and changing the duty structure to moderate prices of steel and plastic," SIAM Director General Rajesh Menon said.

He added that the sector sought similar support on CNG prices, which had seen an 'exponential' rise in the last seven months.

Infosys to buy BASE life for €110 million

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NEW DELHI

Infosys on Wednesday said it will acquire Denmark-based BASE life science for about €110 million (₹875 crore) in an all-cash deal.

The acquisition will deepen Infosys's expertise in life sciences domain as well as strengthen its footprint across Europe.

"This acquisition augments Infosys' deep life sciences expertise, and expands our footprint further in the Nordics region and across Europe, and scales our digital transformation capabilities.

"We are excited to welcome BASE life science and its team into the Infosys family," Infosys president Ravi Kumar S. said.

Govt. may review windfall tax as oil price slides, says CLSA

'Refining margins have fallen to near loss-making levels'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

A massive crash in refining margins of diesel, petrol and ATF coinciding with a cool-off in crude oil prices from their peaks in June has diminished the super profits of refiners, a report said on Wednesday.

In a surprise move, the government on July 1 slapped export duties on petrol and ATF (₹6 per litre or $12 per barrel) and diesel (₹13 a litre or $26 a barrel) and imposed a windfall tax on domestic crude production (₹23,250 per tonne or $40 per bbl). At that time, the Finance Ministry stated that the taxes will be reviewed every fortnight.

"The last two weeks have seen a massive crash in the refining spreads (or margins) of diesel, gasoline (petrol) and aviation turbine fuel (ATF) coinciding with a cool-off in crude prices from their respective peaks seen in June," brokerage CLSA said. "This questions the need for the continuation of the windfall tax imposed about two weeks back," it added.

After the windfall tax, the realised spread on diesel and gasoline has fallen to near loss-making levels while the realisation on aviation fuel and crude have also gone below 15-year averages.

"With the next review due later this week, the sharp decline in global prices may force a rethink of this tax. " CLSA said.

Crude prices as well as spreads for key refined products have fallen on the back of rising worries over oil demand as recession fears for the global economy grow.

Rupee slips to new low of 79.81

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MUMBAI

The rupee declined by 22 paise to close at a record low of 79.81 against the U.S. currency after the dollar surged to a 20-year high in overseas markets and foreign investors continued to withdraw funds from Indian stocks.

Fears of aggressive interest rate increases by central banks to rein in surging inflation weighed on the local unit, forex dealers said. Crude oil prices trading at almost $100 per barrel level, however, supported the rupee.

IN BRIEF

Tata Motors unveils new variant of SUV Nexon

MUMBAI

Tata Motors has announced the unveiling of XM+(S), a new variant of its sport utility vehicle (SUV) Nexon. Placed between the XM(S) and the XZ+, this newest addition is priced from ₹9.75 lakh (ex-showroom Delhi).

Signature Global files papers for ₹1,000-cr. IPO

MUMBAI

Affordable housing developer Signature Global (India) Ltd. has filed a Draft Red Herring Prospectus (DRHP) with SEBI for a ₹1,000-crore public issue. The offer comprises fresh issue of up to ₹750 crore and offer for sale of (OFS) of up to ₹250 crore. Signature Global is focussed on affordable and mid segment housing in the Delhi-NCR region. As on March 31, it had sold 23,453 residential and commercial units in the region.

Mindtree net rises 37% to ₹471.6 cr. in April-June

NEW DELHI

IT company Mindtree on Wednesday posted a 37.3% rise in net profit to ₹471.6 crore for the three months ended on June 30. Revenue for the current fiscal's first quarter came in at ₹3,121.1 crore, logging a growth of over 36% year-on-year. "We are excited to report a strong start to FY23 with robust revenue growth, solid margin and a record order book, Debashis Chatterjee, CEO and MD , said in a statement. PTI

SBI, ICICI raise foreign currency deposit rates

NEW DELHI

SBI, ICICI Bank and IDFC First Bank have raised interest rates on foreign currency non-resident deposits. SBI has raised the rate on one-year tenure FCNR USD deposits to 2.85% from 1.8% earlier. ICICI Bank has revised upwards FCNR by 0.15% on deposits of higher than and equal to $3,50,000 for 12-24 months tenure to 3.5%. IDFC First Bank offers an interest rate of 3.5% in FCNR deposits ranging from 1 year to less than 5 years. PTI

'More women eyeing role of entrepreneurs'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
MUMBAI

India has low representation of women in leadership positions in the workforce but more women are seeking entrepreneurial opportunities compared to men, according to a report.

The conclusion is part of a report based on an analysis of anonymised and aggregated profile information of users on professional networking site LinkedIn.

According to LinkedIn data, published in the World Economic Forum's 2022 Global Gender Gap report, the share of women founders grew 2.68 times between 2016 and 2021.

As per the report, the growth rate of women entrepreneurship was at its highest in 2020 and 2021.

'Construction units to see healthy revenue growth'

Revenue to rise 12-14% in FY23: ICRA

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

India's construction industry is expected to witness a healthy revenue growth in the medium term, ICRA said in a report. It said the construction Gross Value Added (GVA) is expected to grow at 9-11% in FY2023, owing to the government's emphasis on infrastructure development, a robust order book, and a low base effect.

"The aggregate order book-to-sales ratio of ICRA's sample of 12 entities stands at around 3.2 times, thereby indicating a strong revenue growth prospect over medium term," the credit rating agency said.

While roads and buildings continue to account for a bulk of the order book, metro/urban infrastructure,

water and sanitation have seen a significant expansion in recent years.

But the sharp increase in commodity prices, along with increased competition, will have an adverse impact on industry profitability, with anticipated decline in operating profitability likely at 100-200 basis points in the current fiscal, it said.

Supported by a strong order book, the industry's revenue grow 12-14% during FY2023, according to ICRA.

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Hyundai Motor unveils upgraded Tucson SUV

Chip supplies improving, says Garg

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

South Korean auto major Hyundai Motor unveiled in India the fourth-generation Tucson SUV, the prices of which will be announced next month.

The SUV, which had sold more than seven million units globally, would be available in both petrol and diesel versions featuring two-litre engines. Select variants would also come with the option of an all-wheel drive.

MD and CEO Unsoo Kim said as the Indian automotive market continues to evolve, the company is witnessing high customer traction for its premium SUVs.

The new model would be sold through the company's 246 signature outlets spread across 125 cities.

Hyundai Motor India Director (Sales, Marketing and Service) Tarun Garg added that the market for the premium SUV segment currently stands at about 40,000 units a year and it is likely to grow by about 22% CAGR to touch 55,000 units by 2025.

To a query, he added that semiconductor supplies were getting better ahead of the upcoming high-selling festive season. However, challenges such as high inflation and global geopolitical situation remain.

'Staffing sector adds 2.27 lakh contract staff'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
MUMBAI

The staffing industry added 2.27 lakh contractual employees in 2021-22, driven by demand in industries such as fast-moving consumer goods, e-commerce and manufacturing, according to a report.

In 2020-21, the contractual workforce or flexi-staff demand grew at a modest 3.6%, according to the Indian Staffing Federation (ISF) annual report.

It said FMCG, e-commerce, manufacturing, healthcare, retail, logistics, banking and energy segments drove the demand for general flexi staffing or contractual workers.

Digital adoption across sectors drove the demand for new employees, Indian Staffing Federation said in the report.

Kohli still doubtful as India eyes series win

Men in Blue will be keen to keep the momentum going while Buttler & Co. will look to turn it around

INDIA IN ENG

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
LONDON

A confident Indian team looks set to overpower England with yet another dominant show in the second ODI at the Lord's on Thursday despite Virat Kohli's dodgy groin and dismal form.

The former India captain, who is enduring a prolonged bad patch, missed the first game due to groin strain and it is still not clear if he is fit for the second game.

Kohli's poor show, however, hasn't affected the team much as it is playing extremely well in the white-ball games. After clinching the T20 series 2-1, it cantered to a convincing 10-wicket victory in the opening ODI.

Double trouble! A long bad patch and dodgy groin have combined to frustrate Kohli. •REUTERS

Opportunity for others

While the negative aspect of Kohli's absence is not getting a solid show from country's premier batter in pressure games, on the flip side, his poor form is an opportunity for others to show that they can win games on their own or at least own the big stage like Suryakumar Yadav did in final T20I at Nottingham.

"I wasn't playing in the last T20 game and he [Kohli] didn't play today [Tuesday]. I don't have an update on his injury," was all that first match's hero Jasprit Bumrah said when asked about former skipper's availability for the second game.

Groin strain can easily aggravate into a proper tear if the player rushes himself into the thick of things.

A quick single or a swift turnaround during a double can unknowingly worsen a player's condition if he takes field without being hundred percent fit.

At times, some injuries are blessing in disguise for the team management in order to avoid a tough call and Kohli's groin strain could just be that.

Rohit Sharma and his men will hope that the pitch at the Lord's plays like Oval, where conditions helped them get lateral movement both in the air and off the track.

With Bumrah in the form of his life and the ever dependable Mohammed Shami ready to torment the opposition with his bagful of tricks, skipper Rohit will focus more on Shreyas Iyer and his problems facing the short ball.

The bowlers around the globe have sorted Shreyas out with short-pitched stuff and his predictable trigger movement towards the leg-stump in an attempt to make room is no longer paying dividends.

A player of Deepak Hooda's calibre is being made to sit out in formats because of reputation of some players and hence Shreyas will feel the heat.

The conditions in Oval would have been a great learning experience for the flamboyant Mumbaikar but the skipper himself, with a wide array of horizontal bat shots, ensured that Shreyas could just cool his heels in the confines of the Indian dressing room during the series-opener.

For Rohit, the 58-ball-76 is some kind of reassurance that his process has been spot-on and that he can play the high-risk pull-shot with successful percentage.

A confident captain can make bold yet prudent decisions and runs under his belt will allow Rohit to be more adventurous with his decision at the Lord's.

Formidable line-up

A batting line-up comprising Jos Buttler, Joe Root, Ben Stokes, Jonny Bairstow, Jason Roy and Liam Livingstone can scare the daylights out of any bowling attack but at the Oval, the tables turned 180 degree on a seamer-friendly conducive surface.

The Lord's has traditionally been a batting belter but when it comes to rookie bowlers like Prasidh Krishna, it will also be about adjusting to the famous slope of the Lord's ground.

There are bowlers, who prefer bowling up the slope and some the other way round. Managing the slope is key to success at Lord's but the current Indian team is on a roll and might just complete another series win with minimum fuss.

The teams (from):

England: Jos Buttler (Capt. & wk), Moeen Ali, Jonny Bairstow, Harry Brook, Brydon Carse, Sam Curran, Liam Livingstone, Craig Overton, Matthew Parkinson, Joe Root, Jason Roy, Phil Salt, Ben Stokes, Reece Topley and David Willey.

India: Rohit Sharma (Capt.), Shikhar Dhawan, Ishan Kishan, Virat Kohli, Suryakumar Yadav, Shreyas Iyer, Rishabh Pant (wk), Hardik Pandya, Ravindra Jadeja, Shardul Thakur, Yuzvendra Chahal, Axar Patel, Jasprit Bumrah, Prasidh Krishna, Mohd. Shami, Mohd. Siraj and Arshdeep Singh.

Match starts at 5.30 p.m. (IST).

Bumrah regains top spot

Suryakumar surges in T20I rankings

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
DUBAI

Fast bowler Jasprit Bumrah has regained the top spot in the ICC men's ODI Player Rankings after fashioning India's 10-wicket win over England with a career-best haul of six for 19 in the first game at The Oval.

Bumrah had lost the top spot to New Zealand's Trent Boult in February 2020 after being No. 1 for most of the preceding two years. He had been at the top for a total of 730 days, more than any other Indian and the ninth-most in history.

Bumrah is only the second Indian fast bowler after Kapil Dev to be No. 1 in the ODI rankings. Rohit Sharma has bridged the gap with third-placed Virat Kohli to just one rating point.

In the ICC men's T20I Player Rankings, India batter Suryakumar Yadav has gained 44 slots to reach a career-best fifth position after his valiant 117 in the final match of a three-T20I series against England.

Bumrah. •GETTY IMAGES

Ashwin wants lbw to come into play if batters go for switch-hit

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
MUMBAI

Ace India off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin feels that the batters should be adjudged leg before wicket even if the ball is pitched outside leg-stump if they miss out on a switch-hit.

Blind spot

As per current rules, a player can't be ruled leg before even if it goes onto hit the stumps in case it is pitched outside leg-stump, which is considered to be a 'blind spot' for the batters.

"My question is not whether he can play reverse sweep or not, whether it's negative bowling strategy or not (bowling outside leg-stump), my point is about lbw. It's unfair that it's not ruled lbw," Ashwin said on his YouTube channel.

"Let batters play the switch-hit, but give us lbw when they miss. How can you say it is not lbw when the batter turns? If they start giving that out in all formats of the game, some parity could be retained between bowling and batting," maintained Ashwin.

Making a case: Let batters play the switch-hit, but give us lbw when they miss, says Ashwin •FILE PHOTO: K. MURALI KUMAR

The off-spinner referred to the recent fifth Test between India and England. "In this game, it was about the approach that Joe Root and [Jonny] Bairstow took. Root played about 10 shots, where he turned around completely and attempted the reverse sweep.

"He played that 10 times but didn't connect on nine of them. On the 10th time, it got the under-edge and rolled away. Bairstow, meanwhile, kept padding the balls away," said Ashwin.

Mehuli-Shahu duo wins mixed rifle gold

Men's trap trio takes silver; bronze for mixed pistol team

SHOOTING WC

SPORTS BUREAU

It was another golden day for Indian shooting as Mehuli Ghosh and Shahu Tushar Mane combined to beat Eszter Meszaros and Istvan Peni of Hungary 17-13 for the mixed air rifle gold in the shooting World Cup in Changwon, Korea, on Wednesday.

The Indian pair, which had topped qualification with 634.3, asserted itself in the gold match against a top class opposition.

The men's trap team of Prithviraj Tondaiman, Vivaan Kapoor and Bhowneesh Mendiratta was beaten to the gold 6-2 by Slovakia. The Indian trio had topped qualification with 213, one point more than the Slovaks, but could not conjure up a similar effort in the gold contest.

There was more to follow, as the mixed pistol team of Palak Ghulia and Shiva Narwal blanked Kazakhstan 16-0 to bag one of the two bronze medals.

Crack shots: Mehuli and Shahu with their reward. •SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Two more medals assured

India also assured itself of at least two more medals as the men's and women's air rifle teams qualified for the gold match.

Arjun Babuta, Shahu Tushar Mane and Paarth Makhija topped the men's air rifle team in the second stage with 629.7, to set up a gold match against Korea.

The women's team of Ramita Jindal, Elavenil Valarivan, Mehuli Ghosh, which topped with 631.5 in the second stage, will also face the Koreans for the gold.

With two gold, a silver and a bronze, India jumped to the joint second spot on the medals table with China. Serbia led with three gold medals.

The results: Air rifle mixed team: 1. India (Mehuli Ghosh, Shahu Tushar Mane) 17 (634.3); 2. Hungary (Eszter Meszaros, Istvan Peni) 13 (630.3); 3. Czech Republic (Lucie Brazdova, Jiri Privratsky) 16 (628.1).

Air pistol mixed team: 1. Serbia (Zorana Arunovic, Damir Mikec) 17 (584); 2. Greece (Anna Korakaki, Dionysios Korakakis) 13 (579); 3. India (Palak Ghulia, Shiva Narwal) 16 (574).

Trap (team): Men: 1. Slovakia (Michal Slamka, Hubert Andrzej Olejnik, Adrian Drobny) 6 (212); 2. India (Prithviraj Tondaiman, Vivaan Kapoor, Bhowneesh Mendiratta) 2 (213); 3. China (Yu Haicheng, Qi Ying, Chen Liang) 6 (207).

Women: 1. Korea (Kang Geeeun, Cho Seonah, Lee Bo Na) 6 (200); 2. China (Wang Xiaojing, Zhang Ting, Wu Cuicui) 4 (205).

Indian women finish ninth

Navneet scores two in the 3-1 comeback win over Japan

HOCKEY WC

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
TERASSA (SPAIN)

Navneet Kaur scored a brace as the Indian women's hockey team beat Japan 3-1 to finish ninth in the FIH World Cup here on Wednesday.

Navneet scored two field goals in the 30th and 45th minutes, while Deep Grace Ekka sounded the board, from a set piece in the 38th minute, in the classification match here. Japan's goal had come from the stick of Yu Asai in the 20th minute.

On target: Navneet slotted in two field goals. •FIH

After a close tussle in the first five minutes, India got a big chance to take the lead but Vandana Katariya's effort from close range was saved by Japanese goalkeeper Eika Nakamura.

India made a good start in the second quarter and got a couple of chances within a span of two minutes but goals eluded the Savita-led side.

Japan took the lead in the 20th minute when Yu Asai converted a penalty corner.

India drew parity at the stroke of the half time when Navneet found the board from a field effort.

India started on the front foot after the change of ends and earned its sixth penalty corner of the match but that also was wasted.

India got another penalty corner and Ekka scored to hand her side the lead eight minutes into the second half.

In the third quarter, Sharmila Devi's goal was disallowed as the ball hit her body before Navneet made it a two-goal advantage towards the end of the quarter.

The results:

India 3 (Navneet Kaur 30, 45, Deep Grace Ekka 30) bt Japan 1 (Yu Asai 20).

Bangladesh wins second ODI, leads 2-0

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
PROVIDENCE (GUYANA)

Bangladesh defeated the West Indies by nine wickets in the second ODI of a three-match series at the Guyana National Stadium here on Wednesday.

Bangladesh's array of spin bowling talent skittled out the West Indies for just 108, with off-spinner Mehidy Hasan (4/29) and left-arm slow bowler Nasum Ahmed (3/19) leading the rout.

In reply, opener Tamim Iqbal (50 n.o.) and No. 3 Liton Das (32 n.o.) took Bangladesh home in 20.4 overs.

The scores:

West Indies 108 in 35 overs (Keemo Paul 25 n.o., Mehidy Hasan 4/29, Nasum Ahmed 3/19) lost to Bangladesh 112/1 in 20.4 overs (Tamim Iqbal 50 n.o., Liton Das 32 n.o.).

Toss: Bangladesh. **MoM:** Nasum Ahmed. *Bangladesh leads three-match series 2-0.*

Consistency is the target, result will follow, says Neeraj

Olympic javelin champ wants to keep optimum energy and mindset till the very end

ATHLETICS

UTHRA GANESAN
NEW DELHI

With the World Athletics Championships just two days away, Neeraj Chopra is gradually getting into the competition zone. The Olympic champion has had a good beginning to his 2022 season and is inching closer to the elusive 90m mark.

"Like always, I am only thinking of going in with a free mind and aim to do my best, not bother with the distance. The competition I think will be very good and tough. All are doing consistently good and medallists have mostly been over 89m this season. I fell just six cm short (of 90m) at Stockholm. Being consistent is the target," Neeraj said on the eve of his departure from his training base in Chula Vista, USA.

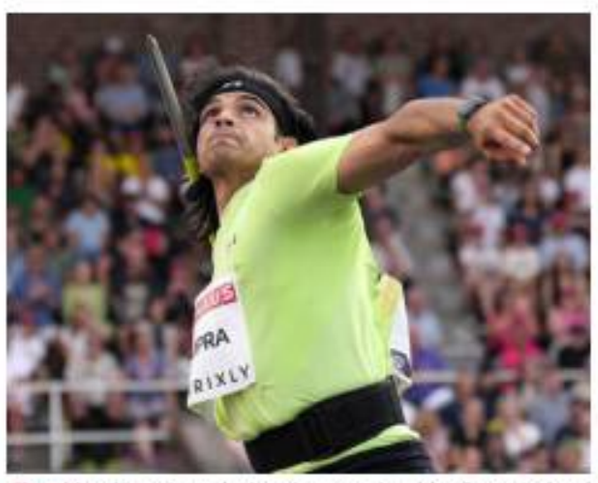
That is also the one big lesson he carries from his maiden outing in 2017. "What I learnt from the 2017 World Championships in London (he did not participate in 2019) was that consistency even in the qualification round is important.

"It was my first major senior event and I did not have much knowledge or experience, I thought I will easily clear the 83m automatic qualification mark but missed. So aiming to peak in the final is of no use if you don't reach there," Neeraj revealed.

His growth since then as an athlete has been phenomenal. "There is not much change in training from Europe to the USA. The percentage of workout keeps changing, but we have not added anything new. It is always said that you should not make any drastic changes close to competition. Because any new routine will put extra load on a new set of muscles and risk injury. So sticking to what we always do," he said of his training.

And as a person: "*Leader nahi ban na hai, sabke sath me chalne me maza hai* (I don't want to be a leader, it's more fun if everyone moves ahead together). I feel blessed if other athletes have really started believing in themselves because of me" with extra emphasis on 'really', when asked about being seen as a leader by junior athletes after his Olympic gold.

The World Championships will be followed by the Commonwealth Games not even a fortnight later, but this won't be his first brush with a hectic schedule. He finished fourth with a respectable 85.73m at the Zurich Diamond League just three days after winning gold at the Asian Games in 2018.



Clear idea: Neeraj says he is going to go in with a free mind and not bother with the distance. •REUTERS

"It is not difficult to concentrate on your performance if you focus only on the present. If I start thinking of something else during training, then it will affect me, so I only focus on what I am doing at that moment. And in competition, you need to keep optimum energy and mindset till the very end, you never know when someone throws big," he explained.

Hat-trick of wins gives Erigaisi a quarterfinal berth

He did not let the loss in the day's first round affect him

CHESS

SPORTS BUREAU

It turned out to be Arjun Erigaisi's day at the FTX Road to Miami online rapid chess tournament on Tuesday.

After letting an unbeaten Jan-Krzysztof Duda escape to victory in the ninth round, a hat-trick of victories saw Erigaisi retain his second spot and qualify for the quarterfinals with three rounds to go.

Erigaisi did not let the disappointing loss in the day's first round affect him and came out stronger against Shakhriyar Mamedyarov, Hans Moke Niemann and Women's world champion Ju Wenjun.

- Erigaisi took his tally to 26/36 and moved within two points of the leader Samuel Sevian

Gaining three points for each win, Erigaisi took his tally to 26/36 and moved within two points of the leader Samuel Sevian. Erigaisi scored nine points – one more than Sevian – to emerge as the strongest performer of the penultimate day of the league.

Interestingly, Levon Aronian and Anish Giri share the seventh spot at 17/36. They will surely feel the heat in the last three rounds in their bid to remain in the top-8 bracket.

Against Duda, Erigaisi reached a winning position but messed up his plan on the 43rd move. The Polish player sensed his chance to bounce back into the game and never put a foot wrong again to win in 69 moves.

Mamedyarov blundered on the 33rd move in a position that appeared to be heading for a draw and Erigaisi capitalized on it to win over the next three moves. In the 11th round, rising star Neimann faltered on the 41st move in an equal position and Erigaisi sealed the matter on the 46th move.

In the day's final round, Erigaisi dominated Ju Wenjun and handed over her fourth loss of the day. The Chinese, struggling with her internet connection all through the day, resigned on the 34th move when she found herself a move away from being checkmated.

LIVE TELECAST

England vs India: 2nd ODI, Sony Six (SD & HD) & Sony LIV, 5.30 p.m.
Golf: The Open, Eurosport (SD & HD) & Discovery Plus, 10 p.m. onwards.

IN BRIEF

Olympic medallist Amos suspended for doping

MONACO

Nijel Amos, a 2012 Olympics silver medalist in the men's 800m, has been suspended ahead of the World championships after testing positive for a rare banned substance. Amos was set to race in the 800m heats of the Worlds on July 20. AP

Woods, McIlroy honoured by R&A Golf Club

ST. ANDREWS

Former British Open champions Tiger Woods, Rory McIlroy and Paul Lawrie have become Honorary Members of The Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews, the club said on Wednesday. REUTERS

Shishir's effort goes in vain

BENGALURU:

Shishir's 30 points went in vain as Rajmahal BC lost to Protec Association in the State 'B' division men's basketball league championship here.
The results: Koramangala SC 66 (Gokul 23, Abhishek John 17) bt BSNL 50 (Hareesh 11, Nikhilesh 10); Protec Association 71 (Hari 19) bt Rajmahal BC 59 (Shishir 30).

Umesh takes maiden wicket in County cricket

LONDON

Umesh Yadav claimed his maiden wicket in the County Championship, for Middlesex, against Worcestershire on the second day here. Umesh bowled Taylor Cornall for 11 to return figures of 14-1-45-1. Middlesex dismissed Worcestershire for 191 and then reached 180 for six to take a lead of 177 runs. Middlesex made 188 in its first innings. PTI

Pranavi in the lead

BENGALURU

Pranavi Urs shot a two-under 67 first round to grab the lead in the ninth leg of the Hero Women's Pro Golf Tour, at the Bangalore Golf Club here on Wednesday. The 19-year-old Pranavi, a three-time winner this season, leads Seher Atwal by one shot.
The scores (top four): 67: Pranavi Urs; **68:** Seher Atwal; **71:** Gauri Karhade; **72:** Sneha Singh.

Gouramangi Singh joins FC Goa as assistant coach

PANAJI

Former India international Gourmangi Singh has joined ISL franchise FC Goa as its assistant coach. "Knowing the club and the quality of their game, it's a big step in the right direction as far as my coaching career is concerned," he said. PTI

McIlroy starts favourite for the Claret Jug

150th edition of the world's oldest golf tournament tees off today at St. Andrews

BRITISH OPEN

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
ST. ANDREWS

St. Andrews hosts the 150th British Open from Thursday with Rory McIlroy starting as the favourite for the Claret Jug while a determined Tiger Woods hopes to make an impact at a venue where he has triumphed twice before.

Record crowds for the week of 290,000 are expected on Scotland's east coast for this landmark edition of the world's oldest golf tournament, which comes to the Old Course for the 30th time.

With fine weather expected to continue for much of the week, it is shaping up to be a fitting way to mark a historic British Open, even if the sport continues to be rocked by the fallout caused by the breakaway LIV Series.

Prep time: Former champion McIlroy practises on the eve of the 150th Open. •REUTERS

LIV rebels allowed

Players who left to join the Saudi-backed tour were allowed to take part by Open organisers, just as they were at last month's U.S. Open despite both the PGA Tour and DP World Tour moving to ban the rebels.

That means four-time Major winner Brooks Koepka, Sergio Garcia, Bryson DeChambeau, Dustin Johnson and former Open champion Phil Mickelson will all tee off on Thursday.

McIlroy, though, is aiming to end an eight-year wait to add to his four Major titles and the Northern Irishman is the favourite in the eyes of bookmakers.

"I think it's the Holy Grail of our sport.

"So not a lot of people are going to get that opportunity to achieve that, but that's what winning an Open at St. Andrews is," McIlroy said on Tuesday.

The World No. 2 won the 2014 Open at Hoylake but missed the chance to defend his title in St. Andrews a year later after injuring an ankle playing football.

> I think it's the Holy Grail of our sport
> — MCILROY

"I can't go in here thinking that this might be my time. I just have to go out and play a really good tournament," he added.

McIlroy will tee off in Thursday's first round alongside Collin Morikawa, winner of last year's Open at Royal St George's, and Xander Schauffele, who triumphed in last weekend's Scottish Open.

Lots of contenders

There is no shortage of contenders, not least among the large contingent of American stars including World No. 1 Scottie Scheffler and 2017 Open winner Jordan Spieth.

There has been some talk of the Old Course becoming too easy, 149 years on from the first Open here, but it still captivates players.

They will continue to be challenged in particular by the par-4 17th – the Road Hole is one of the toughest in golf, where players must send their tee shots over the Old Course Hotel.

'LIV players may lose out on playing Majors'

Ahead of Open, Woods says his leg has got stronger and endurance is better

REUTERS
ST. ANDREWS

Tiger Woods issued a warning to the players who jumped ship to the renegade LIV Golf Series, saying on Tuesday they could be barred from playing in Major championships at some point.

Woods, who made the comments from St. Andrews ahead of The Open beginning on Thursday, gave his strongest denunciation of Greg Norman, the LIV circuit and the players who opted for "a lot of money up front."

But Woods' implication that LIV players might not be able to participate in the Majors moving forward was ominous. "Some of these players may not ever get a chance to play in Majors," Woods said. "That is a possibility. We don't know that for sure yet."

Rankings issue

The LIV Series has petitioned to have its players be awarded Official World Golf Ranking points. But if denied, players would plummet in the rankings used to determine entry to Majors. Or, in the case of Augusta National, players could just not get invited.

Hitting out: Woods has minced no words about the LIV series. •REUTERS

"It's up to all the Major championship bodies to make that determination," Woods said. "But that is a possibility, that some players will never, ever get a chance to play in a Major championship, never get a chance to experience this right here, walk down the fairways at Augusta." Woods also took aim at the players themselves for the money grab the LIV Series offers.

Woods is paired with Matt Fitzpatrick and Max Homa for the first two rounds.

New Zealand seals series against Ireland

Holds its nerve as Allen and Latham scored half-centuries

NZ IN IRELAND

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
MALAHIDE

Finn Allen and Tom Latham scored half-centuries as New Zealand held its nerve to seal a series-clinching three-wicket win against Ireland on Tuesday. The victory gave the Kiwis an unassailable 2-0 lead.

Mark Adair put New Zealand under pressure when he removed Martin Guptill and Will Young with the first two balls of the innings as it chased Ireland's 216.

Allen's composed 60 ensured there would not be an upset as the Black Caps won the series with one game remaining.

Michael Bracewell, Mitchell Santner and Matt Henry each helped themselves to two wickets as New Zealand easily restricted Ireland.

It was only George Dockrell's ODI-best 74 from 61 balls and Adair's 27 from 15 balls that enabled Ireland to pass 200.

New Zealand's poor start to the chase was soon forgotten once Latham (55) joined Allen in earning a half-century. A middle-order wobble put the result back in doubt until Bracewell's unbeaten 42 carried the tourists over the line again with 71 balls to spare.

The scores: Ireland 216 in 48 overs (Dockrell 74) lost to New Zealand 219/7 in 38.1 overs (Allen 60, Latham 55, Bracewell 42 n.o.).

SA pulls out of Australia ODI series

REUTERS
MELBOURNE

South Africa has withdrawn from the One-Day International series with Australia in January after host board Cricket Australia (CA) was unable to accommodate a request to reschedule.

CA said Cricket South Africa had asked to shift the series, which was scheduled for Hobart (Jan. 12), Sydney (Jan. 14) and Perth (Jan. 17).

"Unfortunately, due to the congested international schedule including the ICC Men's T20 World Cup, there are no alternative dates available," CA said in a statement on Wednesday.

Forego points

CA said South Africa had agreed that Australia would be awarded the competition points, pending approval from the International Cricket Council.

South Africa's forfeit could affect its chances of qualifying directly for next year's one-day World Cup in India.

The Proteas are 11th in the World Cup Super League standings, with only the top seven teams apart from host India to qualify directly for the 10-team tournament.

Australia had pulled out of its Test tour of South Africa last year citing heath risks amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

Bengal is in the top five in every format, says Arun Lal

Mentor-turned-coach looks back at his tenure with pride

Y.B. SARANGI
KOLKATA

After stepping down as the Bengal head coach, Arun Lal looked back at his stint with pride and rated the state team as one of the top five sides in the country.

Lal, who served as a mentor in the 2018-19 season before taking over as the head coach the following season, guided Bengal to the Ranji Trophy final (against Saurashtra) after 13 years in 2019-2020 and to the semifinals (where it lost to eventual champion Madhya Pradesh) in 2021-22. (Ranji Trophy was not held in 2020-21 due to the pandemic.)

Arun Lal. •FILE PHOTO

Tough decision

Lal said he would miss the Bengal players. "It was a painful and tough decision. I thought about it a lot. Nine months in a year you are totally occupied 24x7...I am just tired. It's a tough job, domestic coaching is very tough because the teams are so evenly matched all across the board" Lal told *The Hindu* on Wednesday.

Someone who donned the India colours and was part of the 1989-90 Ranji Trophy winning Bengal side, Lal showered praise on the current players.

"I am so happy. The guys have shown great commitment, work ethics and the desire and have performed very well.

"If we look at the domestic circuit, out of last year's (2019-20) four semifinalists only one team qualified for the semifinals and that was Bengal. Even the previous season's winner (Saurashtra) did not qualify. The two teams that played this year's final (Madhya Pradesh and Mumbai) did not qualify the year before.

"Even though we don't have a trophy, Bengal is in the top five in every format. We have played some phenomenal white ball cricket. Most of the job is done. When they win a trophy, I will celebrate with them."

Hoping for the best

Lal hoped that Bengal would perform even better in the coming days.

"We can carry on from here. We have some good youngsters coming up in the white ball format. Unfortunately, we are not getting too many in the red ball format. But in the red ball format the whole country is struggling, including the Indian team."

Mithun, Ashmita post upset wins

Sindhu, Prannoy, Saina advance; Kashyap, Sameer knocked out

SINGAPORE OPEN

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
SINGAPORE

Indian shuttlers Mithun Manjunath and Ashmita Chaliha notched up stunning wins over illustrious rivals to hog the limelight on the second day of the Singapore Open Super 500 tournament here on Wednesday.

While Mithun recorded a 21-17, 15-21, 21-18 win over compatriot K. Srikanth, Ashmita shocked Thailand's World No. 12 Busanan Ongbamrungphan 21-16, 21-11 in women's singles.

For P.V. Sindhu and H.S. Prannoy, it was also a good day in office as the two progressed to the second round with facile wins.

Sindhu looked in complete control as she prevailed 21-15, 21-11 over Belgium's World No. 36 Lianne Tan, while Prannoy, who had reached the semifinals at Malaysia Masters last week, saw off Thailand's Sitthikom Thammasin 21-13, 21-16.

Saina Nehwal avenged her India Open loss to compatriot Malvika Bansod with a 21-18, 21-14 win to make it to the second round.

Big scalp: Ashmita got the better of World No. 12 Ongbamrungphan. •FILE PHOTO: RITU RAJ KONWAR

However, it was curtains for P. Kashyap and Sameer Verma. Kashyap was no match for fifth seed Indonesian Jonatan Christie, losing 14-21, 15-21 and Li Shi Feng of China ended Sameer's campaign with a 21-10, 21-13 victory.

The results (first round):

Men: H.S. Prannoy bt Sitthikom Thammasin (Tha) 21-13, 21-16; Mithun Manjunath bt K. Srikanth 21-17, 15-21, 21-18; Li Shi Feng (Chn) bt Sameer Verma 21-10, 21-13; Jonatan Christie (Ina) bt P. Kashyap 21-14, 21-15.

Women: P.V. Sindhu bt Lianne Tan (Bel) 21-15, 21-11; Saina Nehwal bt Malvika Bansod 21-18, 21-14; Ashmita Chaliha bt Busanan Ongbamrungphan (Tha) 21-16, 21-11.

Doubles: Pooja Dandu & Arathi Sara Sunil bt Hu Ling Fang & Lin Xiao Min (Tpe), walkover.

Mixed doubles: Poorvisha S. Ram & H.V. Nithin bt Misha & Svetlana Zilberman (Isr) 21-15, 21-14.

Morgan to play in LLC

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

World Cup winning former England captain Eoin Morgan, who recently retired from international cricket, will be back on the field when he competes in the second season of Legends League Cricket (LLC).

Morgan will thus join Virender Sehwag, Pathan brothers –Irfan and Yusuf, Australia's Brett Lee, Sri Lanka's Muttiah Muralitharan in the league, which will return in September with four teams and 110 International players on board. "It feels great and I am super excited to be part of Legends. I am looking forward to play in season 2," Morgan said.

Morgan. •GETTY IMAGES

Bopanna-Middelkoop duo exits early

Ankita Raina makes the pre-quarterfinals

INDIANS ABROAD

SPORTS BUREAU

Rohan Bopanna, seeded No.1 with Matwe Middelkoop, was beaten 7-6(3), 6-3 by Fabrice Martin and Franko Skugor in the pre-quarterfinals of the € 597,900 ATP tennis tournament in Bastad, Sweden.

In the $25,000 ITF women's tournament in Kazakhstan, Ankita Raina beat qualifier Ilay Yoruk 6-3, 6-0 to reach the pre-quarterfinals.

The results:

€597,900 ATP, Bastad, Sweden: Pre-quarterfinals: Fabrice Martin (Fra) & Franko Skugor (Cro) bt Matwe Middelkoop (Ned) & Rohan Bopanna 7-6(3), 6-3.

€45,730 Challenger, Amersfoort, Netherlands: Pre-quarterfinals: Nicolas Barrientos (Col) & Miguel Angel Reyes-Varela (Mex) bt Anirudh Chandrasekar & Vijay Sundar Prashanth 6-0, 6-3.

$25,000 ITF, Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan: First round: Men: Prajnesh Gunneswaran bt Maxim Shin (Uzb) 6-3, 6-1.

Women: Ankita Raina bt Ilay Yoruk (Tur) 6-3, 6-0.

$25,000 ITF men, Idanha-a-Nova, Portugal: Singles (first round): Francisco Rocha (Por) bt Rishab Agarwal 6-4, 6-2.

Doubles (pre-quarterfinals): Rishab Agarwal & Adil Kalyanpur bt Diogo Morais & Tiago Pereira (Por) 6-4, 6-7(7), [10-7].

$15,000 ITF, Monastir, Tunisia: Men: First round: Gabriele Maria Noce (Ita) bt Chirag Duhan 6-4, 6-3; Manish Sureshkumar bt Egor Tsarapkin 6-3, 6-4.

$15,000 ITF, Monastir, Tunisia: Women: Singles (first round): Wei Sijia (Chn) bt Vaidehi Chaudhari 3-6, 6-2, 6-4.

Doubles (pre-quarterfinals): Diana Maria Mihail (Rou) & Julita Saner (Swe) bt Bhuvana Kalva & Jennifer Luikham 6-2, 1-6, [11-9].

$15,000 ITF, Lakewood, USA: Pre-quarterfinals: Men: Elijah Strode (USA) & Sathi Reddy Chirala bt Zachary Leslie & Jared Thompkins (US) 6-3, 6-4.

$15,000 ITF, Lakewood, USA: Women: Deniza Marcinkevica (Lat) & Katsiaryna Skachkova bt Brandy Walker (USA) & Prathyusha Rachapudi 4-6, 7-6(8), [10-6].

$25,000 ITF women, Guimaraes, Portugal: Doubles (pre-quarterfinals): Ines Murta (Por) & Vasanti Shinde bt Bojana Marinkovic (Srb) & Junri Namigata (Jpn) 6-4, 5-7, [10-8].

Djokovic to open tennis courts in Bosnia

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
VISOKO (BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA)

Recently-crowned Wimbledon champion Novak Djokovic arrived in Bosnia on Wednesday to inaugurate tennis courts at a 'pyramid park' that he regularly visits to recharge his batteries.

The tennis star, known for his new-age spiritual interests, is fond of a hill town of Visoko, where thousands flock every year to what some believe are an ancient man-made pyramid complex with healing powers – a claim rejected by scientists.

The 35-year-old Serb, who claimed his 21st Grand Slam title on Sunday, visited the site for the first time in 2020 and called it a "paradise on earth".

Djokovic. •REUTERS

He has returned to the "Bosnian Pyramids of the Sun" complex at least four times, either alone or with his family.

Double delight for Vingegaard

Wins the 11th stage to take the yellow jersey from Pogacar

TOUR DE FRANCE

REUTERS
SERRE CHEVALIER

Jonas Vingegaard won the 11th stage of the Tour de France, a 151.7-km gruelling Alpine trek from Albertville, to snatch the overall leader's yellow jersey from Tadej Pogacar on Wednesday.

Last year's runner-up Vingegaard attacked 4.9km from the finish to drop the defending champion, who had been attacked relentlessly by the Dane's Jumbo-Visma team all day long.

Vingegaard never looked back on his way to an iconic victory at top of the Col du Granon, a punishing 11.3-km climb at an average gradient of 9.2%.

Thrilled: It was a ride to remember for Vingegaard on Wednesday. •AFP

Colombian Nairo Quintana took second place, 59 seconds behind, with France's Romain Bardet finishing third, one minute and 10 seconds off the pace.

Pogacar, who started the day 39 seconds ahead of Vingegaard in the overall rankings, crossed the line in seventh place, 2:51 behind the winner, his face a mask of exhaustion.

Overall, Vingegaard leads Bardet by 2:16 and third-placed Pogacar by 2:22.